

**State Pipeline Coordinator's Office  
Compliance Assessment Report  
Oliktok Pipeline Right-of-Way Lease  
ADL 411731**

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**1. Grant of Right-of-Way**

a. Pursuant to the provisions of AS 38.35, the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act, as amended, and for and in consideration of the annual rental fee prescribed in section 3 hereof and the covenants herein contained to be kept and performed on the part of the LESSEE and subject to the conditions and requirements herein contained, the State hereby grants to the LESSEE, for the period of limited duration prescribed in section 2 hereof and for the purpose prescribed in subsection c of this section, a right-of-way (hereafter referred to as the "Right-of-Way") for a PIPELINE with its RELATED FACILITIES (such PIPELINE and RELATED FACILITIES being hereafter referred to as the "PIPELINE SYSTEM"), the width and location thereof being subject to the provisions of subsection "d" hereof, across, through, and upon STATE LAND now owned (hereafter sometimes referred to as "STATE LAND"), along the general route of the PIPELINE shown in Exhibit B attached hereto, and the RELATED FACILITY site location drawings attached hereto as Exhibit C. The grant made hereby is for:

**OLIKTOK PIPELINE COMPANY**

b. This grant is made subject to (1) all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Alaska, and (2) any valid existing rights in the lands subject to the Right-of-Way.

c. The Right-of-Way is granted for the purpose of the conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of one OIL transportation PIPELINE consisting of one line of 16" diameter pipe and its RELATED FACILITIES to transport NATURAL GAS. LESSEE shall not use the Right-of-Way or the land subject thereto for any other purpose and shall not locate or construct any other Pipelines (including looping lines) or other improvements within the Right-of-Way without prior written approval of the COMMISSIONER. The PIPELINE must be used for only the transportation of NATURAL GAS, and it must not be used for any other purpose without the prior written approval of the COMMISSIONER. The LESSEE shall not allow any other person or business entity to use the Right-of-Way for the purpose set forth in this section. Nothing in this subsection is intended to (1) excuse or preclude LESSEE from complying with its obligations under section 4 of this lease, or (2) preclude LESSEE from employing agents or contractors to effect conversion, conversion, operation, maintenance, or termination of all or any part of the PIPELINE.

d. During the conversion, operation and maintenance of the PIPELINE, the width of the Right-of-Way shall be 150 feet, except that the dimensions of the Right-of-Way for RELATED FACILITIES shall be as approved by the COMMISSIONER. At locations where LESSEE has requested authority from the COMMISSIONER to retain a wider Right-of-Way and the COMMISSIONER has found and recorded the reasons for his findings that, in his judgment, a wider Right-of-Way is necessary to protect the environment or public safety, the width of the Right-of-Way which is subject to this lease may exceed 150 feet in width in accordance with the Commissioner's finding.

e. *No later than one year following the commissioning of the PIPELINE SYSTEM, LESSEE shall survey and provide adequate monumentation as the COMMISSIONER may require to locate and describe the Right-of-Way and the LESSEE shall file: (1) an affidavit of compliance of CONVERSION of the PIPELINE in accordance with the provisions of this lease and the applicable regulations of the Department of Natural Resources; and (2) a map, or maps of survey, approved by the COMMISSIONER, showing the final "as built" location of the completed PIPELINE, including the final locations of all buried and above ground improvements, the centerline of the Right-of-Way is definitely located, and, referenced to the centerline, the boundaries of the Right-of-Way as definitely located.*

f. *All CONVERSION activities within the Right-of-Way after the effective date of this lease must be limited to a CONVERSION zone approved by the COMMISSIONER, in the CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal/administrative provision that establishes certain conditions and applies during the construction phase of the pipeline but does not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

### **Summary**

This section expresses the general intent of the lease, namely for the state to grant a right-of-way for a pipeline and related facilities, for a specific purpose (the transportation of natural gas) on state land. The section further identifies the parties to the lease, and establishes some initial construction criteria (diameter of pipe, width of right-of-way, initial construction plans and maps).

### **Compliance**

The lessee applied for and was issued a right-of way lease. All conversion activities were first approved and a Conversion Authorization was issued prior to commencement of conversion activities. A North Slope surveillance checklist has been developed to verify that the pipeline is being used for the transportation of natural gas (Section 1c) and that an acceptable as-built survey has been provided (Section 1e). Both of these requirements have been fulfilled. There are no compliance issues related to Section 1.

## **2. Duration of Right-of-Way Grant**

a. *The grant hereby made of the Right-of-Way shall come to an end and expire on 2 May 2004, 12:00 noon (Alaska Standard Time) unless before that date it is released, abandoned, otherwise terminated pursuant to the provisions of this lease or of any applicable law or regulation.*

b. *Upon the expiration of the initial or any subsequent grant of the Right-of-Way, or its earlier relinquishment, abandonment, or other termination, the provisions of this lease, to the extent applicable, will continue in effect and will be binding on the parties,*

*their successors or assigns, until they have fully performed their respective obligations and liabilities accruing before or on account of the expiration, or the prior termination, of the grant.*

*c. The COMMISSIONER will upon request of the LESSEE, renew the lease for additional periods up to ten years each, so long as the PIPELINE is in commercial operation and the LESSEE is in full compliance with State, Federal, and local laws, including but not limited to State law pertaining to regulation and taxation of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

*d. Any subsequent conveyance, transfer, or other disposition of any right, title, or interest in the STATE LAND or any part thereof, burdened by and subservient to this' lease, will, to the extent allowed by law, be subject to the Right-of-Way and the provisions of this lease, including LESSEE'S right to renew the lease under Subsection "c" of this section.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal/administrative provision that applies during all phases of pipeline activities but does not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

### **Summary**

This section defines a specific time for expiration of the grant of right-of-way, contains language that binds successors in interest to the terms of the lease, and contains a provision for renewing the lease conditional upon the pipeline remaining in commercial operation and the lessee in full compliance with the law.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has submitted a "Pipeline ROW Lease Renewal Application for the Oliktok Pipeline ADL 411731" dated February 2002. The renewal application includes materials supporting commercial operation, technical evaluation, and compliance with the existing lease and governing laws. SPCO has reviewed the renewal application, along with other records, pursuant to the requirements of AS 38.35, to determine whether the lessee is in full compliance with this section. A surveillance checklist has been developed to review the requirements of this lease term. The checklist calls for a review whether the pipeline is in commercial operation. The checklist then requires a determination whether the lessee is in compliance with state, federal and local laws. The determination of full compliance is made by reviewing and considering all the lease sections and stipulations discussed herein. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be compliance with this section. There are no compliance issues related to Section 2.

## **3. Rental**

*a. The LESSEE shall pay to the State equal annual payments, in advance, on or before the 1st of January of every year during the term of this agreement at the rate of fourteen thousand, two hundred fifty dollars (\$14,250) per annum which is the fair market rental value' as determined by a formal appraisal conducted on January 9, 1985.*

b. *The annual rental payment is subject to adjustment at five year intervals and charges or adjustments shall be based upon the reappraised fair market rental value of the land.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal/administrative provision that applies throughout the term of the lease.

### **Summary**

This section establishes the initial rent for the right-of-way (during the construction phase), identifies the annual due date for the rental payment, and clarifies that the rental rate is subject to adjustment at five year intervals.

### **Compliance**

The lessee utilizes a Material, Purchasing, Contracts and Facility Management process to secure Appraisal Services program for rental payment. Verification of the timely payment of rent is obtained from the department's Revenue and Billing records. A North Slope checklist is available to document the timely receipt of rent. The lessee has timely paid the rent as required. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this section. There are no compliance issues related to Section 3.

## **4. Covenants by LESSEE**

*LESSEE expressly covenants, in consideration of the rights acquired by it under this Right-of-Way lease, that:*

a. *it will assume the status and perform all of its functions undertaken by the lease as a common carrier and accept, convey and transport without discrimination, NATURAL GAS delivered to it for transportation from fields in the vicinity of the PIPELINE throughout its route, on STATE LAND obtained under this lease and on other land; LESSEE will accept, convey and transport NATURAL GAS without unjust or unreasonable discrimination in favor of one producer or person, including itself, as against another, but will take the NATURAL GAS delivered or offered, without unreasonable discrimination, that the Alaska Public Utilities Commission will, after a full hearing with due notice, determine to be reasonable in the performance of its duties as a common carrier;*

b. *it will interchange NATURAL GAS with each like common carrier and provide connections and facilities for the interchange of NATURAL GAS at every locality reached by the PIPELINE when the necessity exists, subject to rates and regulations made by the appropriate State or Federal regulatory AGENCY;*

c. *it will maintain and preserve books, accounts, and records and make those reports that the state may prescribe by regulation or law as necessary and appropriate for the purposes of administering AS 38.35;*

d. *it will accord at all reasonable times and places to the State and its authorized agents and auditors the right of access to its property and records, or inspection of its property, and of examination and copying of those records;*

e. *it will provide connections, as determined by the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, under AS 42.06.340, to facilities on the PIPELINE subject to the lease, on STATE LAND for the purpose of delivering NATURAL GAS to persons (including the State and its political subdivisions) contracting for the purchase at wholesale of NATURAL GAS transported by the PIPELINE when required by the public interest;*

f. *it will, notwithstanding any other provisions, provide connections and interchange facilities at State expense at such places the State considers necessary, if the State determines to take a portion of its royalty or taxes in NATURAL GAS;*

g. *it will convert and operate the PIPELINE in accordance with applicable State laws and lawful regulations and orders of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission;*

h. *it will, at its own expense, during the term of this lease:*

*(1) maintain the leasehold and PIPELINE in good repair;*

*(2) promptly repair or remedy any damage to the leasehold; and*

*(3) promptly compensate for any damage to, or destruction of, property for which the LESSEE is liable, resulting from damage to, or destruction of, the leasehold or PIPELINE;*

i. *it will not transfer, assign, or dispose of in any manner, directly or indirectly, or by transfer of control of the carrier corporation, its interest in a Right-of-Way lease, or any rights under this lease or the PIPELINE SYSTEM subject to this lease to any person (including subsidiaries, parents, and affiliates of the owners), except to the extent that the COMMISSIONER, after consideration of the protection of the public interest (including whether the proposed transferee is fit, willing and able to perform the transportation or other acts proposed in a manner that will reasonably protect the lives, property and general welfare of the people of Alaska), authorizes. The COMMISSIONER will not unreasonably withhold his consent to the transfer, assignment or disposal;*

j. *it will file with the COMMISSIONER a written appointment of a named permanent resident of the State to be its registered agent in the State and to receive service of notices, regulations, decisions and orders of the COMMISSIONER; if it fails to appoint an agent for service, service may be made upon the LESSEE by posting a copy in the office of the COMMISSIONER and filing a copy of it in the office of the Lieutenant Governor and by mailing a copy to the LESSEE'S last known address;*



k. *the applicable law of the State of Alaska will be used in resolving questions of interpretation of the lease;*

l. *the granting of the Right-of-Way Lease is subject to the express condition that the exercise of the rights and privileges granted under the lease will not unduly interfere with the management, administration, or disposal by the State of the land affected by the lease, and that the LESSEE agrees and consents to the occupancy and use by the State, its grantees, permittees, or other LESSEE'S of any part of the Right-of-Way not actually occupied or required by the PIPELINE for the full and safe utilization of the PIPELINE, for operations incident to land management, administration, or disposal;*

m. *it will be liable to the State for damages or injury incurred by the State caused by the conversion, operation, or maintenance of the PIPELINE and it will indemnify the State for the liabilities or damages; and*

n. *it will procure and furnish liability and property damage insurance from a Company licensed to do business in the State, or furnish other security or undertaking upon the terms and conditions the COMMISSIONER considers necessary if the COMMISSIONER finds that the net assets of the LESSEE are insufficient to protect the public from damage for which the LESSEE may be liable arising out of the CONVERSION or operation of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

### **Scope**

The provisions of Section 4 are applicable throughout the term of the lease but are legal or administrative in nature and do not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

### **Summary**

This lease section identifies and establishes the fundamental obligations of the lessee. The lessee is committed to assume a common carrier status (4a), interchange natural gas (and provide all necessary connections and facilities) (4b), maintain and preserve books and records (4c), and preserve and maintain books and records.

The lessee shall allow the state rights of access to its property and records (4d), provide connections for the delivery of natural gas (4e-f), operate the pipeline in accordance with applicable State laws (4g), and maintain the leasehold and pipeline in good repair and promptly repair or remedy and damages (4h).

The lessee is also limited in its ability to transfer, assign, or dispose of its interest in the right-of-way lease (4i), and it must appoint a registered agent for service of process (4j). The lessee agrees that the laws of the State of Alaska will be applied in resolving questions in interpretation of the lease (4k), that the State may exercise other rights and uses of the land that is subject to the right-of-way lease, as long as the use is not incompatible with the pipeline operations (4l), that the lessee is liable to the State for damages or injuries incurred by the State during pipeline activities and will indemnify the State for any liabilities (4m),

and the lessee will obtain any necessary insurance or security that the Commissioner deems necessary (4n).

### **Compliance**

The lessee has performed the necessary functions of a common carrier and has records to verify compliance which are available in the states' files, either as correspondence, or as a request or approval document. Alternately, compliance is verified by checking with other divisions or other state agencies. SPCO has developed a checklist to verify the lessee is adhering to the provisions of Section 4. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee in compliance with this lease section. There are no compliance issues related to Section 4.

### **5. Guaranty**

a. *If the COMMISSIONER finds that the net assets of the LESSEE are insufficient to protect the public from damage for which the LESSEE may be liable arising out of the CONVERSION or operation of the PIPELINE, the COMMISSIONER may require such LESSEE to deliver to the COMMISSIONER a valid unconditional guaranty of the full and timely payment of liabilities and obligations of the LESSEE to the State under or in connection with the lease.*

b. *It is recognized that a proposed guarantor of the LESSEE may be a corporation (or an individual stockholder thereof), a partnership (or an individual partner thereof), an association that is authorized and empowered to sue and be sued and to hold the title to property in its own name (or an individual associate thereof), a joint stock Company that is authorized and empowered to sue and be sued and to hold the title to property in its own name (or any individual participant therein), or a business trust (or any individual settlor thereof), and may or may not directly or indirectly own a legal or beneficial interest in the LESSEE whose liabilities and obligations are sought to be guaranteed. In the case of multiple guarantors that are acceptable to the COMMISSIONER each shall be jointly and severally liable for its proportionate share of any sum or payment covered by the guaranty.*

c. *Each guaranty must be satisfactory to the COMMISSIONER in all respects including, without limitation, the form and substance of the guaranty, the financial capability of a proposed guarantor, the availability of such guarantor to service of process, the availability of the assets of such guarantor with respect to the enforcement of judgments against the guarantor, and the number of guarantors that will be necessary to guarantee all of the liabilities and obligations which will be covered by a particular guaranty; provided, however, that the COMMISSIONER shall not unreasonably withhold his approval with respect to a guaranty or guarantor.*

d. *The COMMISSIONER will have the right at any time, and from time to time, to require the substitution and delivery of a new form of guaranty in the event that either an outstanding guaranty is held to be invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, by a court of competent jurisdiction or that the controlling law is, by statute or judicial decision, so altered as to impair, prevent, or nullify the enforcement or exercise of any right or option of the State under an outstanding guaranty; provided; however, that the outstanding*

*guaranty (to the extent of its validity or enforceability, if any) will continue in full force and effect with respect to any claim, suit, accrued liability, or defense thereunder that exists at the time of substitution.*

*e. Each guaranty must be accompanied by such certificates and opinions of legal counsel as the COMMISSIONER may require to establish its validity. The guaranty must include an appointment of an agent for service of process that is satisfactory to the COMMISSIONER.*

### **Scope**

The provisions of Section 5 are applicable throughout the term of the lease but are legal or administrative in nature and do not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance

### **Summary**

This section authorizes the Commissioner to require the lessee to deliver a guaranty for payment of all liabilities and obligations to the State, if the Commissioner determines that the net assets of the lessee are insufficient to protect the public interest.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has a legal requirement to obtain a guaranty if deemed necessary by the SPCO. A compliance checklist has been generated for this section. Satisfaction of the subsection has a condition precedent; the Commissioner must first issue a finding that the net assets are insufficient and that a guaranty, or insurance, is necessary. If no finding has been issued, the issue of guaranty and insurance is moot. However, if a guaranty is required, then the checklist addresses whether the guaranty has been delivered. Satisfactory guaranties are on file in the SPCO office. There are no compliance issues related to Section 5.

## **6. CONVERSION Plans and Quality Assurance**

*With respect to any CONVERSION commenced after the effective date of this lease, the LESSEE shall submit CONVERSION (including design) plans, a quality assurance program, and other related documents as required by the COMMISSIONER and through the stipulations attached as Exhibit C for review and approval by the COMMISSIONER prior to the beginning of CONVERSION activities.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during construction phase of the pipeline.

### **Summary**

This section requires the lessee to submit construction (including design plans, a quality assurance program, and other related documents as required by the Commissioner, for review and approval, before construction. The section incorporates by reference the lease stipulations, and Stipulation 1.6 identifies necessary design criteria, and Stipulation 1.8 establishes detailed minimum criteria for quality assurance plans.

## **Compliance**

The lessee has a process for the submittal of required construction plans, Quality Assurance program and related documents for approval. The surveillance checklist for Section 6 identifies whether the lessee has the necessary construction plans and quality assurance programs in place. If so, the adequacy of the plans is determined in conjunction with completing the surveillance audit and oversight for Stipulation 1.6 and 1.8, respectively. Compliance determination is only necessary if there are construction activities along or within the right-of-way lease. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 determined there were no construction activities along or within the right-of-way. There are no compliance issues related to Section 6.

### **7. Reservation of Certain Rights to the State**

a. *The State reserves and will have a continuing and reasonable right of access to any part of the lands (including the subsurface of, and the air space above, such lands) that are subject to this lease, and a continuing and reasonable right of physical entry to any part of the PIPELINE Right-of-Way, for inspection or monitoring purposes and for other purpose or reason that is reasonably consistent with any right or obligation of the State under any law or regulation, this lease, or any other agreement, permit, or authorization relating in whole or in part to all or any part of the PIPELINE.*

b. *The right of access and entry reserved in Subsection a of this section will extend to and be enjoyed by any contractor of the State, any subcontractors (at any tier) of the contractor, and their respective agents and employees, as well as such other persons as may be designated from time to time in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

c. *Under AS 38.05.125, the State reserves rights as follows:*

*"The State hereby expressly saves, excepts reserves out of the grant hereby made, unto itself, its LESSEE'S, successors, and assigns forever, all Oils, Gases, coal, ores, minerals, fissionable materials, geothermal resources, and fossils of every name, kind or description, and which may be in or upon said lands above described, or any part thereof, and the right to explore the same for such Oils, Gases, coal, ores, minerals, fissionable materials, geothermal resources, and fossils, and it also hereby expressly saves and reserves out of the grant hereby made, unto itself, its LESSEE'S, successors, and assigns forever, the right to enter by itself, its or their agents, attorneys and servants upon said lands, or any part or parts thereof, at any and all times, for the purpose of opening, developing, drilling, and working mines or wells on these or other lands and taking out and removing therefrom all such Oils, Gases, coal, ores, minerals, fissionable materials, geothermal resources, and fossils, and to that end it further expressly reserves out of the grant hereby made, unto itself, its LESSEE'S, successors, and assigns forever, the right by its or their agents, servants and attorneys at any and all times to erect construct,*

*maintain, and use all such buildings, machinery, ROADS, Pipelines, power lines, and railroads, sink such shafts, drill such wells, remove such OIL, and to remain on said lands or any part thereof for the foregoing purposes and to occupy as much of such lands as may be necessary or convenient for such purposes hereby expressly reserving to itself, its LESSEE'S, successors, and assigns, as aforesaid, generally all rights and power in, to, and over said land, whether herein expressed or not, reasonably necessary or convenient to render beneficial and efficient the complete enjoyment of the property and rights hereby expressly reserved."*

*d. There is reserved to the State the right to grant additional permits or easements for rights-of-way or other uses to third parties for compatible uses on, or adjacent to, the lands subject to the Right-of-Way; provided that such grant shall not unreasonably interfere with the rights under this lease. Before the State grants an additional right-of-way permit or easement for a compatible use, the State will notify LESSEE of its intentions and shall consult with LESSEE before taking final action in that regard.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This lease section identifies reservations and rights that the State retains in the lands that are subject to the right-of-way. The State reserves a right of access and a reasonable right of entry to the lands subject to the lease, for inspection, monitoring, or other reasonably consistent purpose (7a). This right extends to any contractor for the State (7b).

The State also reserves the mineral rights to the lands subject to the right-of way (7c). The State also reserves the right to issue other permits, leases, or interests that are compatible with use of the right-of-way, or do not reasonably interfere with rights that exist under the lease. Sections 7c and 7d are legal/administrative provisions. There are no compliance issues related to Lease Sections 7c and 7d.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has implemented a Security Screening Process for state personnel and approved contractors. A compliance checklist has been generated for lease sections 7a and 7b (right of access and reasonable entry to the land). There are no records or correspondence that show issues have arisen concerning restriction of access or refusal to right of entry. There are no compliance issues related to Section 7.

## **8. Reimbursement of State Expenses**

*a. LESSEE shall reimburse the State for all reasonable costs incurred by the State in monitoring CONVERSION (including but not limited to design review), operations, maintenance and termination of all or any part of the PIPELINE SYSTEM after*

*the effective date of this lease. The COMMISSIONER will administer this lease to reasonably assure that unnecessary employment of personnel and needless expenditure of funds are avoided.*

*b. Reimbursement provided for in this section and in Section 9 below must be made for each quarter ending on the last day of March, June, September, and December. On or before the 60th day after the close of each quarter, the COMMISSIONER will submit to LESSEE a written statement of any costs incurred by the State during that quarter which are reimbursable. This statement may be supplemented within 60 days after the end of a fiscal year for costs incurred in that year but by excusable neglect not previously submitted.*

*c. LESSEE will have the right to conduct, at its own expense, reasonable audits by auditors or accountants designated by LESSEE of the books, records, and documents of the State relating to the items on any particular statement that must be submitted in accordance with the procedure outlined in subsection b of this section, at the places where such books, records, and documents are usually maintained and at reasonable times; provided, however, that written notice of a desire to conduct such an audit must be given to the COMMISSIONER (1) at least 15 days prior to such audit; and (2) by not later than the 180th day after the close of the quarter for which the books, records, and documents are sought to be audited; and provided, further, that any such audits must be completed within two years after receipt by LESSEE of the statement containing the items to be audited.*

*d. Nothing herein requires the State to maintain books, records, or documents other than those usually maintained by it, provided such books, records, and documents reasonably segregate and identify the costs for which reimbursement is required by this section. Such books, records and documents must be preserved or caused to be preserved for a period of at least two years after the State submits a statement for reimbursement based on such books, records, and documents. The auditors or accountants designated by LESSEE will be given reasonable access to, and the right to copy, at their expense, all such books, records, and documents.*

*e. LESSEE shall pay to the State the total amount shown on each statement by not later than the 90th day following the close of the quarter to which the statement relates; provided, however, that if the LESSEE decides to dispute any item of a statement for reimbursement, LESSEE on or before the date on which the statement is due and payable, shall give the COMMISSIONER written notice of each item that is disputed, accompanied by a detailed explanation of its objection, or written notice of each item to be audited, and shall pay the State those amounts for the items that are not disputed or are not to be audited. LESSEE shall give the COMMISSIONER prompt written notice of the completion of the audit of all items of a statement being audited. On a date fixed by the COMMISSIONER but not more than 30 days after notice of a disputed statement or after notice of the completion of the audit, the COMMISSIONER and the LESSEE will meet to discuss, and attempt to resolve, all items which are disputed or which have not been resolved by the audit. Any items resolved as being payable to the State must be paid within 30 days after being resolved, together with interest thereon, up to the date of payment, at a total*

*annual percentage rate equal to the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Banks for District Twelve (San Francisco) in effect on the original due date of the statement.*

*f. In addition to the right to audit quarterly statements as provided in subsection c of this section, if LESSEE believes that unnecessary employment of personnel or needless expenditure of funds has occurred or is likely to occur, LESSEE may request the approval of the COMMISSIONER for LESSEE to conduct promptly, and at its own expense, a full and complete audit by auditors or accountants designated by LESSEE, of the books, records and documents to be audited at the location they are usually maintained and at reasonable times. Such requests must be in writing, must specify the matters to be audited and must state the information available to LESSEE upon which the request is based. The COMMISSIONER shall approve or deny such requests promptly, and approval of any such request shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any complaint which LESSEE may have as a result of such audit must be made to the COMMISSIONER and will be governed by the procedure set forth in subsection e of this section to the extent applicable.*

### **Scope**

The right of reimbursement applies to all phases of pipeline operation. The section contains provisions for quarterly billing, establishes time frames for submission of payments, and provides the lessee with a right to inspect and audit the records. This section is a legal/administrative provision that does not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

### **Summary**

AS 38.35.140(b) was amended to include reimbursement for all costs of monitoring “operations and maintenance,” and in August 2001, the SPCO formally notified the lessees by letter of this amendment.

### **Compliance**

The lessee uses an Accounting and Contracts Expenditure System and a Financial Auditing Process to comply with this section. A prepared checklist provides for a review of the records to establish that timely billing is being submitted by the State to the lessee and that the lessee is timely and accurate in reimbursing the State for lease oversight expenses. The reimbursement records and correspondence are kept at SPCO. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be compliance with this section. There are no compliance issues related to Section 8.

## **9. Right of the State to Perform**

*a. If, after 30 days, or in emergencies such shorter periods as will not be unreasonable, following the making of a demand by the COMMISSIONER in the manner provided for giving written notices, LESSEE or its respective agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors (at any tier), fails or refuses to perform any action required by this lease or by the COMMISSIONER under this lease, the State will have the right, but not the obligation, to perform any or all of such actions at the sole expense of LESSEE. Before*

*delivery of any such demand, the COMMISSIONER. shall confer with. the LESSEE, if practicable to do so, regarding the required action or actions that are included in the demand. The COMMISSIONER shall submit to LESSEE a statement of the expenses reasonably incurred by the State during the preceding quarter in the performance by the State of any required action and the amount shown to be due on each such statement must be paid by LESSEE. The PIPELINE COORDINATOR shall submit a statement which outlines the reasonable costs.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal provision that applies during all phases of pipeline operations but has a compliance aspect that applies only after the issuance of an order by the Commissioner.

### **Summary**

Thirty days (or less in an emergency) after the issuance of written request by the Commissioner for the lessee to perform a certain action, the State has the right to perform the action and recover all costs from the lessee.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has an Accounting and Contracts Expenditure System in place to comply with this section if necessary. A checklist documents whether a notice to perform has been issued, and whether the requested activity has been performed. A notice to perform has not been issued by the Commissioner to the lessee. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be compliance with this section. There are no compliance issues related to Section 9.

## **10. Duty of LESSEE to Prevent or Abate**

a. *LESSEE shall prevent or, if the procedure, activity, event, or condition already exists or has occurred, shall abate, as completely as practicable, using the best practicable technology available, any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition, existing or occurring at any time (1) that is susceptible to prevention or abatement; (2) that arises out of, or could adversely affect, the conversion, operation, maintenance, or termination of all or any part of the PIPELINE; and (3) that causes or threatens to cause (a) a hazard to the safety of workers or to the public health or safety (including but not limited to personal injury or loss of life with respect to any person or persons) or (b) serious harm or damage to the environment (including but not limited to water and air quality, areas of vegetation or timber, fish or other wildlife populations, or their habitats, or any other natural resource).*

b. *LESSEE shall cause its respective agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors (at any tier) to observe and comply with the foregoing provisions of this section.*



### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This section requires the lessee to prevent, or abate, by the best methods practicable, procedures, events or conditions that could adversely affect the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline. This section imposes the same obligations on the lessee's agents, employees, and contractors.

### **Compliance**

Compliance with this section also requires compliance with Section 6 (Construction Plans and Quality Assurance), Stipulation 1.8 (Quality Assurance and Control), Stipulation 1.9 (Conduct of Operations) and Stipulation 1.10 (Surveillance and Maintenance). The lessee has an approved Surveillance and Maintenance Plan that is used to comply with this section. The compliance checklist for this section addresses the requirements of the section and references the related lease and stipulation sections. Detailed surveillance checklists have been developed for these sections, as well. Completing the surveillance activities for all these lease sections satisfies the compliance review for this section.

SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee has the necessary plans and programs in place, including in the lease sections and stipulations referenced above, to satisfy compliance with this section. There are no compliance issues related to Section 10.

## ***11. Compliance with CONVERSION AUTHORIZATIONS***

*All CONVERSION of the PIPELINE on STATE LAND undertaken by LESSEE after the effective date of this lease must comply in all respects with the provisions of any CONVERSION AUTHORIZATIONS that are issued by the COMMISSIONER.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during all pipeline construction activities.

### **Summary**

This section requires the lessee to comply with all provisions that are included in a Conversion Authorization that is issued by the Commissioner. A Conversion Authorization is a defined term in the lease, which defines procedures and establishes minimum requirements that must be included in every application for construction activities along or within the right-of-way. The definition refers to the Stipulation 1.7, where the specific criteria and procedures that must be followed are identified.

### **Compliance**

The lessee proceeds under the Conversion Authorization requirements established at Stipulation 1.7, if any construction activity is proposed along or within the right-of-way. A surveillance checklist provides for records review to see if any recent construction projects have been undertaken along or within the right-of-way. If so, the checklist continues to

identify whether a Conversion Authorization was issued, and whether the construction activities complied with the requirements of the Conversion Authorization. The checklist also references Stipulation 1.7, thus triggering a compliance review for this stipulation, before reaching a determination on compliance with the lease term.

SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be compliance with this section. There was no pipeline related construction or conversion activities in or along the right-of-way in 2001, thus no Conversion Authorizations were issued. There are no compliance issues related to Section 11.

## **12. Temporary Suspension Orders of the COMMISSIONER**

*a. The COMMISSIONER may at any time order the temporary suspension of any or all conversion, operation, maintenance, or termination activities of the LESSEE, its agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors (at any tier) in connection with the PIPELINE, if*

- (1) an immediate temporary suspension of such activities is necessary to protect (a) public health or safety (including, but not limited to, personal injury or loss of life with respect to any person or persons), or (b) the environment from immediate, serious and irreparable harm or damage (including, but not limited to, harm or damage to water and air quality, areas of vegetation, fish or other wildlife populations, or their habitats, or any other natural resource); or*
- (2) LESSEE, its respective agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors (at any tier) failing or refusing, or have failed or refused, to comply with or observe (a) any provision of this lease necessary to protect public health, safety, or the environment, or (b) any order of the COMMISSIONER, or the PIPELINE COORDINATOR, implementing any such provisions of this lease or of any agreement, permit, or authorization that shall have been duly approved, issued, or granted by the COMMISSIONER in connection with all or any part of the PIPELINE.*

*b. In the event a temporary suspension order is issued with respect to activities of the PIPELINE or the PIPELINE SYSTEM, the order will be issued by the COMMISSIONER at the site of any activity to a field representative of the Company and will specify:*

- (1) the specific activity or activities which must be stopped;*

- (2) *the reason for issuance of the order, including a description of the serious and immediate problem which requires the cessation of a particular activity;*
- (3) *the name of the designated field representative of the COMMISSIONER issuing the order;*
- (4) *the name of the designated field representative of the Company to whom the orders issued;*
- (5) *the time and date of the order, and the site of the activity at which it is issued.*

c. *The COMMISSIONER will give LESSEE such prior notice of any temporary suspension order as he deems practicable. If circumstances permit, the COMMISSIONER will discuss with LESSEE before issuing the order, appropriate measures to Immediately abate or avoid the harm or threatened harm that is the reason for the issuance of the order or (2) effect compliance with the provision or order, whichever is applicable.*

d. *After a temporary suspension order has been given by the COMMISSIONER, LESSEE shall promptly comply with all of the provisions of the order and shall not resume any activity suspended or curtailed thereby except as provided in this lease or under court order.*

e. *Any temporary suspension order which, in an emergency, is given orally shall be confirmed in writing. Each written order or written confirmation of an order must set forth the reasons for the suspension. Each temporary suspension order must be limited, insofar as is practicable, to the particular area or activity that is or may be affected by the activities or conditions that are the basis of the order. Each order must be effective as of the date and time given, unless it specifies otherwise. Each order must remain in full force and effect until modified or revoked by the COMMISSIONER.*

f. *Resumption of any suspended activity will be promptly authorized by the COMMISSIONER in writing when he is satisfied that (1) the harm or threatened harm has been abated or remedied, or (2) LESSEE has effected, or is ready, willing and able to affect compliance with the provision or order, whichever is applicable.*

g. *Any temporary suspension order that is given or issued in accordance with this section will be subject to the provisions of Section 14.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline activities. It is a legal provision that has a compliance aspect only after the issuance of an order by the Commissioner.

### **Summary**

This section allows the Commissioner to order the temporary suspension of any construction, operation, maintenance or termination activity, if deemed necessary. A suspension order may be issued to protect public health, safety, or environment, or if the lessee or its agents are failing to comply with any provision of this lease or order of the Commissioner. The temporary suspension order must be in writing (if oral, it must be confirmed in writing), and must set forth the reasons for the temporary suspension.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has a legal process that can be implemented if a temporary suspension order is issued there are no compliance issues related to this section unless the Commissioner has issued a temporary suspension order. No temporary suspension orders have been issued. There are no compliance issues related to Section 12.

### **13. Requests to Resume**

a. *If by a temporary suspension order issued pursuant to section 12 of this lease, the COMMISSIONER has ordered the suspension of an activity of LESSEE, LESSEE may at any time thereafter file with the COMMISSIONER a request for permission to resume that activity on the ground that the reason for the suspension no longer exists. The request must contain a statement, under oath, of the facts which in LESSEE'S view support the propriety of resumption.*

b. *The COMMISSIONER shall render a decision, either granting or denying the request, within three days of the date that the request was filed with him. If the COMMISSIONER does not render a decision within that time, the request will be considered denied and the LESSEE may appeal to the COMMISSIONER as provided in section 14.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline activities. It is a legal provision that has a compliance aspect only if a temporary suspension order has been issued, and a request to resume has been submitted.

### **Summary**

If a temporary suspension order (Section 12) has been issued, the lessee may file a request to resume the activity, on the ground that the reason for termination no longer exists. The commissioner must render a decision within three days, or the request is deemed denied. If the request is denied, the appeal process established in Section 14 may be pursued.

### **Compliance**

There are no compliance issues related to this section unless the Commissioner has issued a temporary suspension order and the lessee has submitted a request to resume. No temporary suspension orders have been issued, and no requests to resume are pending. There are no compliance issues related to Section 13.

**14. Appeal Procedure**

*a. Appeals from Temporary Suspension Orders of the COMMISSIONER and Appeals from Denials of Resumption of Suspended Activities:*

*(1) LESSEE may appeal directly to the COMMISSIONER for review of (a) any temporary suspension order issued by the COMMISSIONER under section 12 of this lease; and (b) any denial by the COMMISSIONER of a request for resumption of activities suspended under such temporary suspension order. LESSEE shall file a notice of appeal for review within 10 days after the effective date of the order or denial being appealed. The notice must set forth with particularity the order or denial being appealed. To perfect an appeal, the LESSEE shall promptly file with the COMMISSIONER a statement of facts and the law LESSEE wishes to present to justify modification or reversal of the order or denial. All statements of facts must be under oath.*

*(2) Except as provided hereinafter in this section, the COMMISSIONER shall decide the appeal within 10 days from the date the COMMISSIONER receives notice from LESSEE that all statements for review have been submitted. If the COMMISSIONER does not render a decision within that time, the appeal will be considered to have been denied by the COMMISSIONER, and such denial will constitute the final administrative decision of the COMMISSIONER.*

*(3) Any decisions of the COMMISSIONER as to any matter arising out of the lease will constitute the final administrative decision of the COMMISSIONER.*

*b. Appeals with respect to CONVERSION AUTHORIZATIONS:*

*(1) LESSEE may appeal to the COMMISSIONER if, with respect to a particular application for a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION (A) the COMMISSIONER has refused to issue the CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION within the time prescribed pursuant to the stipulation or (B) the COMMISSIONER has issued a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION not substantially in accord with the application. If the COMMISSIONER has not acted within the prescribed time to either issue or deny the issuance of the CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION, such failure to act will be deemed to be a refusal by the COMMISSIONER to issue the CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION.*

(2) *The grounds for such an appeal shall be one or more of the following:*

(a) *The COMMISSIONER has construed the applicable stipulations erroneously; or*

(b) *The COMMISSIONER has imposed arbitrary and capricious requirements to enforce the stipulations; or*

(c) *LESSEE has made a bona fide effort to meet the requirements of the COMMISSIONER, but with the best practicable technology available, is unable to comply; or*

(d) *By failing to act upon the requested CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION within the prescribed time, the COMMISSIONER has been unreasonable.*

(3) *Each appeal under this subsection will be subject to appeal procedure set out in subsection a of this section.*

(c) *As to any other matter upon which a decision of the COMMISSIONER is required under this lease, the failure of the COMMISSIONER to render a decision within 10 days after receiving a request for a decision from the LESSEE constitutes a denial of that request and shall constitute the final administrative decision of the COMMISSIONER.*

(d) *As to matters not covered by subsections "a", "b", and "c" of this section upon which a decision of the COMMISSIONER is required under this lease, the failure of the COMMISSIONER to reach a decision within 30 days after receiving a request for a decision from the LESSEE will constitute a denial of that request and will constitute the final administrative decision of the COMMISSIONER.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline activities. This is a legal provision that has a compliance aspect only if a temporary suspension order has been issued and a notice of appeal has been filed, or if a request to resume has been denied and an appeal has been filed.

### **Summary**

This section defines the process and establishes the basis for an administrative appeal to the Commissioner for review of any temporary suspension orders.

### **Compliance**

There are compliance issues related to this section only if the Commissioner has issued a temporary suspension order that has been appealed, or the lessee has submitted a request to resume that has been denied and is being appealed. No temporary suspension orders have

been issued, no requests to resume have been submitted, and no appeals are pending. There are no compliance issues related to Section 14.

#### **15. Liability of the State**

*LESSEE agrees that neither the State nor any of its officials, employees, agents, or contractors will be liable for money damages for any loss caused by LESSEE, its agents, or contractors, by reason of decisions made in respect to the application and administration of this lease; provided, however, this lease will not be interpreted to excuse the State, its officials, employees, agents, or contractors from liability for damages or injuries resulting from acts of gross negligence or acts of willful misconduct.*

##### **Scope**

This is a legal and administrative provision that applies to all phases of the pipeline but does not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

##### **Summary**

The lessee agrees that the State shall not be liable for any losses caused by the lessee or its agents.

##### **Compliance**

The lessee, by accepting the terms and provisions of the right-of-way lease, agree to not hold the state liable for any losses caused by the lessee or its agents. The lessee is in compliance with this section. There are no compliance issues related to Section 15.

#### **16. Release of Right-of-Way**

*a. In connection with the relinquishment, abandonment, or other termination before the expiration of the grant of the Right-of-Way, of any right or interest in the Right-of-Way, or in the use of all or any part of the lands subject to the Right-of-Way, the LESSEE holding such right or interest shall promptly execute and deliver to the State, through the COMMISSIONER, a valid instrument of release in recordable form, which must be executed and acknowledged with the same formalities as a deed. The instrument of release must contain, among other things, appropriate recitals, a description of the pertinent rights and interests, and for the benefit of the State and its grantees or assigns, express representations and warranties by the LESSEE that it is the sole owner and holder of the rights or interests described therein and that such right or interest is free of all liens, equities or claims of any kind requiring or that may require the consent of a third party, claiming in whole or in part by, through, or under the LESSEE, for the valid release or extinguishment thereof, except for such that are owned or claimed by third parties which have joined in the execution of the release. The form and substantive content of each instrument of release must be approved by the COMMISSIONER, but except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, in no event will any such instrument operate to increase the then-existing liabilities and obligations of the LESSEE furnishing the release.*

b. *Each release must be accompanied by such resolutions and certifications as the COMMISSIONER may require in connection with the power or the authority of the LESSEE, or of any officer or agent acting on its behalf, to execute, acknowledge, or deliver the release.*

c. *Neither the tender, nor approval and acceptance, of any such release will operate as an estoppel or waiver of any claim or judgment against the LESSEE, or as a relief or discharge, in whole or in part, of the LESSEE from any of its then-existing liabilities or obligations (accrued, contingent, or otherwise); and notwithstanding any such tender or delivery, or any approval of the COMMISSIONER, if a release contains any provision that operates, or that by implication might operate, to discharge or relieve, in whole or in part, a LESSEE of and from any of its liabilities or obligations (accrued, contingent, or otherwise) or that operates or might operate as an estoppel or waiver of any claim or judgment against the LESSEE, or as a covenant not to sue, such provision will be void insofar as it would have the effect of so discharging or relieving the LESSEE or operating as an estoppel, waiver or covenant not to sue.*

### **Scope**

This is an administrative provision that applies throughout the term of the lease but does not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

### **Summary**

This section establishes the notice requirements and delivery procedures for the relinquishment, abandonment, or other termination of any right or interest in the right-of-way before the lease expiration date.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has a legal process to comply with this section when necessary. There is a compliance aspect to this section only if the lessee seeks to release any interest in the right-of-way prior to the lease expiration. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee has taken no steps, and there are no pending actions, notices or requests, to release any interest in the right-of-way. There are no compliance issues related to Section 16.

## **17. Forfeiture of Lease**

*Failure to begin operation of the PIPELINE as a common carrier within one year of the granting of this lease for reasons within the control of the LESSEE, or failure of the LESSEE to substantially comply with the terms of the Lease will be grounds for forfeiture of the Right-of-Way interest of the LESSEE in an action brought by the COMMISSIONER in Superior Court. Before beginning an action for forfeiture of an interest in the Right-of-Way under this section, the COMMISSIONER shall give the LESSEE or owner of the interest notice in writing of the alleged default and may not begin the proceeding unless the LESSEE or owner of the interest has failed to initiate good faith efforts to cure the default within 60 days of the notice of the alleged default.*



### **Scope**

This is a legal provision that applies to all phases of the pipeline but does not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

### **Summary**

This section identifies the conditions, activities, or the lack thereof, that would establish grounds for forfeiture of the lease. The section also defines the procedures the State must follow and the notices it must provide, before pursuing a lease forfeiture action.

### **Compliance**

This is a legal provision that only applies if a written notice of default has been issued to the lessee. No compliance issues arise under this section unless the State has provided the lessee a notice in writing of alleged default and provided time for the lessee to cure the default. No notices of default and request to cure have been issued to the lessee. There are no compliance issues related to Section 17.

## **18. Rights of Third Parties**

*The parties to this lease do not intend to create any rights Under this lease that may be enforced by third parties for their own benefit or for the benefit of others.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal provision with no compliance monitoring required.

### **Summary**

This section addresses the issue of third party rights, and the intent of the parties not to create any under the lease.

### **Compliance**

This is a legal provision. There are no compliance issues related to Section 18.

## **19. Waiver not Continuing**

*The waiver by any party of any breach of any provision of this lease by any other party, whether such waiver is expressed or implied, will not be construed to be a continuing waiver or a waiver of, or consent to, any subsequent or prior breach on the part of such other party, of the same or any other provision of this lease.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal provision with no compliance monitoring required.

### **Summary**

The waiver by any party of any breach of any provision of this lease by any other party, whether such waiver is expressed or implied, will not be construed to be a continuing waiver

or a waiver of, or consent to, any subsequent or prior breach on the part of such other party, of the same or any other provision of this lease.

**Compliance**

This is a legal provision. There are no compliance issues related to Section 19.

**20. Remedies Cumulative; Equitable Relief**

*No remedy conferred by this lease upon or reserved to the State or the LESSEE is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy provided for by this lease or by law, but each is cumulative and is in addition to every other remedy given in this lease or now or hereafter existing in equity or at law, and the State, in a proper action instituted by it, may seek a decree against the LESSEE for specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief, as may be appropriate.*

**Scope**

This is a legal provision with no compliance monitoring required.

**Summary**

This section addresses the remedies available to the parties in the event of breach and the intent of the parties to allow them to seek all available remedies.

**Compliance**

This is a legal provision. There are no compliance issues related to Section 20.

**21. Section Headings**

*The section headings in this lease are for convenience only and have no other significance.*

**Scope**

This is a legal provision with no compliance monitoring required.

**Summary**

This section clarifies that the lease section headings are for convenience and have no legal significance.

**Compliance**

This is a legal provision. There are no compliance issues related to Section 21.

**22. Authority to Enter Agreement**

*The LESSEE represents and warrants to the State that (a) it is authorized and empowered under the applicable laws of the state of its incorporation and by its charter and*

*by-laws to enter into and perform this lease in accordance with its provisions; (b) its board of directors or authorized executive committee has approved and authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this lease insofar as it pertains to the obligations of the LESSEE; (c) all corporate and shareholder action that may be necessary to the approval of this lease, and the due execution and delivery of this lease by LESSEE, has been taken; and (d) that all of the foregoing approvals, authorizations and actions are in effect at the time of the execution and delivery of this lease.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal provision with no compliance monitoring required.

### **Summary**

The parties represent that they have the legal authority to enter into the lease.

### **Compliance**

This is a legal provision. There are no compliance issues related to Section 22.

## **23. Exhibits; Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference; Other Exhibits**

*The exhibits that are attached to this lease and listed below are, by this reference, incorporated into this lease as if they were set out in their entirety:*

- (a) Stipulations for the Right-of-Way lease for the Oliktok PIPELINE Co., attached as Exhibit A, which are sometimes referred to in this lease as the "Stipulations". These provisions are included pursuant to AS 38.35.120(d) which requires terms and conditions that are reasonably necessary to obligate the LESSEE, to the extent reasonably practicable, to (1) prevent conflicts with other existing uses of the land involving a superior public interest; (2) protect State and private property interests; (3) prevent any significant adverse environmental impact, including but not limited to the erosion of the surface of the land, and damage to fish and wildlife and their habitat; (4) restore and revegetate during the term and at termination of this lease; and (5) protect the interests of individuals living in the general area of the Right-of-Way who rely on fish, wildlife, and biotic resources of the area for subsistence purposes.*
- (b) A description of the Land included in the General Route attached as Exhibit B.*
- (c) A description of the RELATED FACILITIES attached as Exhibit C.*
- (d) A description of the typical PIPELINE crossings attached as Exhibit D.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal provision with no compliance monitoring required.

### **Summary**

This section references the related documents that are incorporated into the lease at the time of execution.

### **Compliance**

This is a legal provision. There are no compliance issues related to Section 23.

## **24. Lease not a Waiver of Any State Regulatory Power**

*This lease and the covenants contained in it will not be interpreted as a limit on the exercise by the State of Alaska of any power conferred by valid statute or regulation to protect the environment, health, safety, general welfare, lives, or property of the people of the State of Alaska.*

### **Scope**

This is a legal provision with no compliance monitoring required.

### **Summary**

This section clarifies that the terms of the lease do not abrogate or limit any valid statutory or regulatory power of the State. It also establishes joint and several liabilities for all owners, partners, or participants of the lessee.

### **Compliance**

This is a legal provision. There are no compliance issues related to Section 24.

## **25. Binding Effect of Covenants and of Lease; effective date**

*a. The parties: acknowledge that all covenants of this lease are required by the COMMISSIONER. By entering into this lease, the LESSEE is bound by such covenants to the full extent of the power of the State to impose the covenants under its authority as owner of the land or under its police or regulatory powers or otherwise; provided that the right of the LESSEE to challenge the power of the State to require any of the covenants as owner of the land or under its police or regulatory powers or otherwise is preserved until such time as action to enforce the covenant is taken by the State. Before beginning any such action the COMMISSIONER must give the LESSEE written NOTICE OF INTENT to enforce, and he will not begin enforcement proceedings unless LESSEE has failed to initiate good faith efforts to comply with the notice within 30 days of the notice. Compliance with any covenant or with any such notice by the LESSEE, will not constitute a waiver of its or their rights to challenge, from time to time, the power of the State to require or to enforce the same or any other covenant in any subsequent action to enforce taken by the State. A judicial finding that any of these covenants is unlawful or invalid will not invalidate this lease or any other covenant of the lease.*

b. *This lease will become binding upon each party as of the date that the party signs this lease and will become effective as of 12:01 a. m. on the day the LESSEE begins operating the PIPELINE as a common carrier (hereafter referred to as the "effective date").*

### **Scope**

This is a legal provision that applies to all phases of the pipeline but does not require continuous compliance monitoring or surveillance.

### **Summary**

This section clarifies the authority of the State to enforce the covenants of the lease. It also acknowledges that the lessee is bound by the covenants, but recognizes the right of the lessee to challenge the power of the State. The section then defines the procedural and substantive due process requirements for the commencement of any actions to enforce the covenants of the lease.

### **Compliance**

This is a legal provision that does not apply until a written notice of intent to enforce a covenant has been issued to the lessee. No notices have been issued under the authority of this section of the lease. There are no compliance issues related to Section 25.

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **STIPULATIONS**

#### **1. GENERAL**

##### **1.1 DEFINITIONS**

*The following definitions apply to terms used in these stipulations. They shall also apply to terms used in documents to which these stipulations are attached unless specifically provided other wise in such documents.*

*1.1.1. "AGENCY" means the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, and any subdivision thereof.*

*1.1.2. "COMMISSIONER" means the COMMISSIONER of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources or the officer appointed by the COMMISSIONER with the authority and responsibility of administering a portion or all of the provisions of this lease.*

*1.1.3. The "Company" means Oliktok PIPELINE Company, its successors and assigns.*

*1.1.4. "CONVERSION Mode" means the type of CONVERSION to be employed, generally with regard to the PIPELINE.*

*1.1.5. "Conversion" means all those activities necessary to change a PIPELINE from carrying OIL and GAS or vice versa.*

*1.1.6. "CONVERSION SEGMENT" means a portion of the PIPELINE SYSTEM, as agreed upon by the Company and the COMMISSIONER, that constitutes a complete physical entity or stage, in and of itself, which can be converted, independently of any other portion or stage of the PIPELINE SYSTEM in a designated area or between two given geographical points.*

*1.1.7. "DESIGN CRITERIA" means project criteria (i.e., conversion, including design, and operational concepts) necessary to delineate the project. As a minimum, it includes the following: criteria to be used for the FINAL DESIGN and project concepts; evaluation of data used to establish the DESIGN CRITERIA; drawings showing functional and technical requirements; reports of all test data compiled during the data collection and DESIGN CRITERIA evaluation; standard drawings (if applicable) or drawings to support structural design concepts of each typical facility or structure; proposed CONVERSION Modes: outline of project specifications; sample computations to support the design; and concepts and bases for project siting.*

*1.1.8. "FINAL DESIGN" means completed design documents suitable for bid solicitation, including contract plans and specifications; proposed CONVERSION Modes; operational requirements necessary to justify designs; design analysis (including*

*calculations for each particular design feature); all functional and engineering criteria; summaries of engineering tests conducted and their results; and other considerations pertinent to design.*

*1.1.9. "HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES" means NATURAL GAS, OIL, toxic or HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (including Wastes) as defined by the Department of Environmental Conservation, or as specified in writing by the COMMISSIONER in consultation with the Department of Environmental Conservation's Authorized Officers during the review of the COMPANY'S NATURAL GAS and HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES Control plan.*

*1.1.10. "HIGHWAYS" means a highway (whether included in primary or secondary systems), road, street, trail, walk, bridge, tunnel, drainage structure and other similar or related structure or facility, and right-of-way thereof.*

*1.1.11. "LESSEE" means Oliktok PIPELINE Company.*

*1.1.12. "LAND USE PERMIT" means a revocable, non-possessory privilege to use specified STATE LAND in connection with the preconversion, conversion, operation, maintenance and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

*1.1.13. "CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION" means a written permission to initiate a PIPELINE SYSTEM CONVERSION that is issued in accordance with Stipulation 1.7 et. seq.*

*1.1.14. "OIL or CRUDE OIL" includes petroleum OIL and other hydrocarbons regardless of gravity which are produced at the wellhead in liquid form and the liquid hydrocarbons known as distillate or condensate recovered or extracted from GAS, other than GAS commonly known as casinghead GAS.*

*1.1.15. "NATURAL GAS" or "GAS" means all hydrocarbons produced at the wellhead not defined as OIL; including bradenhead GAS, casinghead GAS, and GAS produced from an OIL or GAS well, or any mixture of natural and artificial GAS.*

*1.1.16. "PIPELINE" means all parts of those physical facilities, through which the NATURAL GAS moves, authorized on STATE LAND by the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources Right-of-Way Lease No. 411731.*

*1.1.17. "PIPELINE COORDINATOR" means the AGENCY representative appointed by the COMMISSIONER of the Department of Natural Resources.*

*1.1.18. "PIPELINE SYSTEM" means all facilities, except for vertical support members, on STATE LAND which are constructed or used by the Company in connection with the conversion, operation, maintenance or termination of the PIPELINE. It does not include facilities, such as urban administrative offices, which are only indirectly involved in the transportation of NATURAL GAS, nor does it include facilities used by others in the production or gathering of NATURAL GAS.*

1.1.19. *“RELATED FACILITIES” means those structures, devices, improvements and sites on STATE LAND, other than the pipe, the substantially continuous use of which is necessary for the operation and maintenance of the PIPELINE. RELATED FACILITIES does not include any equipment upstream of the NGL inlet, nor equipment not owned by the LESSEE. RELATED FACILITIES includes, if applicable: supporting structures, air fields, access ROADS, pumps, valves and other control devices, bridges, culverts and low-water crossings, monitoring and communication devices, retaining walls, berms, dikes, ditches, cuts and fills, including hydraulic and erosion control structures; structures and areas for storing supplies and equipment; cathodic protection devices; and other facilities of a similar nature together with related yards, fences and buildings as the COMMISSIONER, after consultation with the Company, will determine to be RELATED FACILITIES.*

1.1.20. *“REVEGETATION” means the establishment of plant cover on disturbed lands through techniques including, but not limited to, seedbed preparation, seeding, planting, fertilizing, mulching and watering.*

1.1.21. *“ROADS” means ROADS on STATE LAND, other than State or public HIGHWAYS, that are converted or used by the Company in connection with the conversion, operation, maintenance and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

1.1.22. *“STATE LAND” means STATE LAND as defined in AS 38.05.365; public land of the United States selected by the State under Sec. 6 of the Alaska Statehood Act of 1958 (PL 85-508; 72 Sec. 399), as amended; real property of the United States transferred to the State under Secs. 21, 35 and 45 of the Alaska Omnibus Act of 1959 (PL86-70; 73 Sec. 141), as amended; and any interest owned or hereafter acquired by the State in land.*

1.1.23. *“WASTE” means all discarded matter other than CONVERSION spOIL. It includes, but is not limited to, human WASTE, trash, garbage, refuse, OIL drums, petroleum products, ashes and equipment, etc. as defined by AS 46.03.900, 18 AAC 70.990, and 18 AAC 75.900.*

1.1.24. *“WETLANDS” means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. WETLANDS generally include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas.*

### **Scope**

This is an administrative provision.

### **Summary**

All the stipulation subsections under 1.1 (1.1.1-1.1.21) are definitions used in the lease.

### **Compliance**

There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.1.



## 1.2

### **APPLICABILITY**

1.2.1. *The following conditions will apply to the design, conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM; unless clearly inapplicable, the requirements and prohibitions imposed upon the Company by these stipulations are also imposed upon the COMPANY'S agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors, and the employees of each of them.*

- (1) *The Company shall ensure compliance with these stipulations by its agents, employees and contractors (including subcontractors at any level), and the employees of each of them.*
- (2) *Failure or refusal of the COMPANY'S agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors or their employees to comply with these stipulations will be deemed to be the failure or refusal of the Company.*
- (4) *Where appropriate the Company shall require its agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors to include these stipulations in all contracts and subcontracts which are entered into by any of them, together with a provision that the other contracting party, together with its agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors, and the employees of each of them, shall likewise be bound to comply with these stipulations.*

1.2.2 *Nothing in these stipulations shall be construed as applying to activities of the Company that have no relation to the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

1.2.3 *Nothing in these stipulations shall be construed to affect any right or cause of action that otherwise would be available to the Company against any person. The State and the Company do not intend to create any rights under these stipulations that may be enforced by third parties for their own benefit or for the benefit of others.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation imposes the same performance conditions and requirements on the lessee's contractors and agents as are imposed on the company.

### **Compliance**

The lessee instituted a Materials, Purchasing and Contracts selection and management process program for contractor performance and employee training to fulfill the requirements of this stipulation. An SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared to verify that the lessee has procedures in place establishing that contractors, agents and employees are familiar with the terms and conditions of the lease terms and stipulations. SPCO surveillance activities

performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.2.

### **1.3                    RESPONSIBILITIES**

*1.3.1.                The Company shall comply with these stipulations and lawful orders of the COMMISSIONER implementing these stipulations.*

*1.3.2.                The Company shall designate a representative who will be empowered on behalf of the Company to communicate with, and to receive and comply with, all communications and orders of the COMMISSIONER. The Company shall also designate field representatives who shall be authorized to be, and at all times be available to communicate and cooperate with field representatives of the COMMISSIONER. The Company shall keep the COMMISSIONER informed of any change of the COMPANY'S representatives during the conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

*1.3.3.                The COMMISSIONER may require the Company at any time to furnish any or all data related to design, conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination activities undertaken in connection with the PIPELINE SYSTEM as may be reasonably relevant to the Commissioner's responsibilities and duties in connection with conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM; provided, however, the COMMISSIONER shall not release to the public any confidential material which is protected by AS 38.05.035(a)(9)(C), except that which the Company has authorized in writing to be released. The Company may grant rights in any information which is protected as confidential by this paragraph for a reasonable royalty fee that will cover the cost of reproduction of any such information, plus a pro rata share of the cost of obtaining such information.*

*1.3.4.                The COMMISSIONER may, by written order, require the Company to make such modification of the PIPELINE SYSTEM as he deems necessary to protect or maintain stability of foundation and other earth materials; protect or maintain integrity of the PIPELINE SYSTEM; control or prevent significant damage to the environment (including, but not limited to, fish and wildlife populations and their habitats); or remove hazards to public health and safety, including the activities of its agents, employees, contractors (including subcontractors), and the employees of each of them.*

*1.3.5.                The absence of any comment by the COMMISSIONER on any plan, design, specification or other document which may be filed by the Company with the COMMISSIONER will not represent in any way whatever any assent to, approval of, or concurrence in such plan, design, specification or other document, or any action proposed therein. Any written approval or instruction by the COMMISSIONER may be relied upon by the Company unless and until rescinded in writing. The COMMISSIONER will act in writing upon each submission to him in accordance with the agreed upon schedules developed pursuant to Stipulations 1.6 and 1.7. Any disapproving action by the COMMISSIONER,*

*including any requests for additional information, will state what additional action is necessary to gain approval.*

*1.3.6. The COMMISSIONER will have a continuing right of access to any part of the PIPELINE SYSTEM at any time for inspection or monitoring and for any other purpose or reason that is consistent with his responsibilities. This right may be exercised by the COMMISSIONER and his agents or representatives designated in writing; and contractors and subcontractors of the COMMISSIONER who are performing work related to the PIPELINE SYSTEM and who are designated in writing. The COMMISSIONER and the Company will agree upon procedures to implement this Stipulation, including reasonable advance notification where practicable.*

*1.3.7 No order or notice given to the Company on behalf of the COMMISSIONER will be effective as to the Company unless prior written notice of the delegation of authority to issue such an order or notice has been given to the Company by the COMMISSIONER.*

*1.3.8. In the implementation of Stipulation 1.2.1., the Company will furnish all supervisory-level employees with copies of these stipulations and will explain the limitations imposed by these stipulations.*

#### **Scope**

This stipulation applies to all phases of pipeline operations.

#### **Summary**

Subsections (1.3.1-1.3.8) set forth certain requirements for the lessee. The lessee shall designate a representative to communicate with the State, may be required to furnish all data related to pipeline operations, and allow the State a continuing right of access.

#### **Compliance**

By letter to SPCO dated December 11, 2000, the lessee designating an agent for service of process, and field representative to communicate with field representatives of the Commissioner. Field supervisors provide a regulatory compliance overview to employees, which are reflected in their training records. Additional requirements of this stipulation are satisfied by procedures within the Oliktok Pipeline Operations Manual. An SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared to verify that the company is satisfying the necessary stipulation subsections. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.3.

### **1.4 COMMUNICATIONS**

*1.4.1 The Company shall provide a communication capability that ensures the transmission of information required for the safe conversion, operation, maintenance and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

1.4.2. *During the period of preconversion, CONVERSION and initial operation of the PIPELINE SYSTEM, all formal written communications between the Company and an State AGENCY, involving conversion, operation, maintenance or termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM must be transmitted through the COMMISSIONER or as he may direct. However, documents required by statute or state AGENCY regulation to be filed with the AGENCY must be filed as so required, provided that a copy (or copies) thereof is concurrently filed with the COMMISSIONER.*

1.4.3. *Any written notice or communication, including any telegram, relating to any subject, addressed to the COMMISSIONER from the Company, will be deemed to have been delivered to and received by the COMMISSIONER when the notice or communication has been delivered, either by messenger during normal business hours, or by means of registered or certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the office of the COMMISSIONER.*

1.4.4. *Any written order, notice or other written communication, including any telegram relating to any subject, that is addressed to the Company from the COMMISSIONER will be deemed to have been delivered to and received by the Company when the order, notice or other communication has been delivered either by messenger during normal business hours, or by means of registered or certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the office of the representative designated by the Company pursuant to Stipulation 1.3.2.*

1.4.5. *All orders or approvals of the COMMISSIONER must be in writing, but in emergencies may be issued orally, with subsequent confirmation in writing as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours thereafter.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation (1.4.1-1.4.5) requires the lessee to establish a communication capability that ensures safe pipeline operations, including leak detection alarms.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has installed a communications system and maintains a record of reportable events in their correspondence files. The lessee also maintains a log of spill reports and safety related condition reports. An SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared to identify these requirements and verify that the lessee is satisfying the stipulation. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.4.

## **1.5 SUMMARY NETWORK ANALYSIS DIAGRAMS**

1.5.1 *As a part of the DESIGN CRITERIA the Company shall submit a summary network analysis diagram for the project to the COMMISSIONER for review and approval.*

*As mutually agreed to by the Company and the COMMISSIONER the summary network analysis diagram must include all environmental, engineering and conversion-related activities and contingencies which reasonably may be anticipated in connection with the project. The summary network analysis diagram must include or address:*

- (1) data collection activities;*
- (2) submittal and approval activities;*
- (3) CONVERSION and post CONVERSION activities;*
- (4) schedule control techniques;*
- (5) other pertinent data.*

*The summary network analysis diagram must be prepared employing techniques normal to the industry in sufficient detail and scope to permit the COMMISSIONER to determine if the management approach shown or inferred by the network analysis will facilitate the cost effective, environmentally sound, and timely CONVERSION of the project.*

*1.5.2 The summary network analysis diagram must be updated to indicate current and planned activities at intervals mutually agreeable to the Company and the COMMISSIONER.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies to construction activities during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the company to submit a summary network analysis diagram (environmental, engineering, and construction related activities and contingencies that could reasonably be anticipated) for any pipeline systems project. The diagrams shall be submitted as part of the design criteria, for approval.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has implemented a Process Management Safety Matrix to ensure all applicable components have been addressed and documented. An SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared that verifies whether there is any construction activity concerning the pipeline systems. If construction activity is planned or occurring, the surveillance can be expanded to verify that the requirements of the stipulation are satisfied. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There were no recent construction activities within or along the right-of-way. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.5.

## **1.6 DESIGN CRITERIA, PLANS AND PROGRAMS**

*1.6.1 The Company shall submit DESIGN CRITERIA to the COMMISSIONER within 180 days from the effective date of this lease. It shall also submit comprehensive plans and/or programs (including schedules where appropriate) which must include but not be limited to the following:*

- (1) *blasting;*
- (2) *corrosion control;*
- (3) *cultural resource preservation;*
- (4) *erosion and sedimentation control;*
- (5) *material exploration and extraction;*
- (6) *NATURAL GAS, OIL and HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES Control, cleanup and disposal;*
- (7) *overburden and excess material disposal;*
- (8) *PIPELINE contingency plan;*
- (9) *quality assurance/quality control;*
- (10) *restoration and rehabilitation;*
- (11) *stream, river and flood plain crossings;*
- (12) *surveillance and maintenance;*
- (13) *wetland conversion.*

*These plans and programs may be combined or submitted in stages, as appropriate. The Company and the COMMISSIONER will agree to the scope and content of the requested plans and programs.*

*1.6.2. The DESIGN CRITERIA, including the plans and programs specified in Stipulation 1.6.1., shall be approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER and shall be complied with by the Company.*

*1.6.3 Additional or supplementary plans may be required in the event that the plans submitted in accordance with Stipulation 1.6.1. do not provide the detailed and/or site specific data required to support the FINAL DESIGN required in Stipulation 1.7, and to guide the conduct of the conversion, operation, maintenance and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

#### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

#### **Summary**

This stipulation sets forth specific criteria and activities along the right-of-way that require comprehensive plans or programs by the lessee.

#### **Compliance**

The lessee has submitted design criteria and comprehensive plans for approval evidenced by Maintenance Records, Engineering and Design Records and Design Criteria Change Letters. An SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared that identifies the plans and required design criteria, and establishes the minimum requirements for those plans or programs. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.6.

### ***1.7                    CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION***

1.7.1        *The Company shall not initiate any field activity on STATE LAND pursuant to the authorization of which these stipulations are a part without prior specific written permission. Such permission must be either a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION, LAND USE PERMIT or other appropriate written authorization, issued by the COMMISSIONER, as appropriate. Any CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION, LAND USE PERMIT or other authorization will permit field activities only as therein expressly stated and only for the particular field activities therein described. A CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION, LAND USE PERMIT or other appropriate authorization may contain such site-specific terms and conditions as the COMMISSIONER deems necessary to implement these stipulations, and the Company will comply with such terms and conditions.*

1.7.2        *Before applying for a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION for a CONVERSION SEGMENT, the Company shall, in such manner as will be acceptable to the COMMISSIONER, locate and clearly mark on the ground the proposed location of all relevant RELATED FACILITIES and, where applicable, clearing limits and the location of temporary use areas in the proposed work area.*

1.7.3        *Each application for a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION must be supported by:*

- (1) a FINAL DESIGN for the CONVERSION SEGMENT or SEGMENTS to be covered by the CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION with detailed and/or site-specific plans as indicated in Stipulation 1.6.3., and computations supporting the design;*
- (2) all applicable reports and results of environmental studies;*
- (3) a detailed network analysis diagram for the CONVERSION SEGMENT or SEGMENTS including the COMPANY'S work schedules, applicable permits required by State and Federal agencies, design and review periods, data collection activities, and CONVERSION sequencing. All requirements stated in Stipulation 1.5.1., with reference to the summary network analysis diagram, will apply equally to the detailed network analysis diagram;*
- (4) a map or maps, prepared in such manner as shall be acceptable to the COMMISSIONER, depicting the proposed location of:*
  - (a) the boundaries of all associated temporary use areas;*
  - (b) all improvements, buried or above ground, that are to be converted;*
- (5) justification statements for all proposed design features or activities which may not be in conformance with these stipulations.*

1.7.4. *Prior to submission of any application for CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION the Company and the COMMISSIONER will agree to a schedule for the submission, review, and approval of such applications, and on the scope of information to be contained therein. The schedule must allow the COMMISSIONER 30 days for review of each complete application for a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION unless the COMMISSIONER gives written notice that more time is needed. The schedule may be revised by mutual agreement, if necessary.*

1.7.5 *The COMMISSIONER shall review each application for a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION and all data submitted in connection therewith in accordance with schedules as agreed upon pursuant to Stipulation 1.7.4.*

1.7.6 *The COMMISSIONER shall issue a CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION only when, in his judgment, applicable FINAL DESIGNS and other submissions required by Stipulations 1.6.1., 1.6.3., and 1.7.3. conform to these stipulations.*

1.7.7. *By written order, following appropriate consultation with the Company and when other enforcement actions are inadequate or have not been successful, the COMMISSIONER may revoke or suspend in whole or in part any CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION which has been issued when in his judgment unforeseen conditions later arising require alterations in the CONVERSION AUTHORIZATION in order to: (1) protect or maintain stability of foundation and earth materials; (2) protect or maintain integrity of the PIPELINE SYSTEM; (3) control or prevent significant damage to the environment, including, but not limited, to fish and wildlife populations and their habitats; (4) remove hazards to public health and safety.*

*The COMMISSIONER shall expeditiously follow his revocation or suspension order with a more detailed written statement of the reason for the action.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies to construction activities during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation (1.71-1.7.7) requires the lessee to obtain a Conversion Authorization, a Miscellaneous Land Use Permit, or other authorization before initiating field activities along the right-of-way. The Stipulation (1.7.3) sets forth the supporting information that must be included with a Conversion Authorization application. The Stipulation also sets forth (1.7.5-1.7.7) the procedures and criteria that the Commissioner follows in reviewing and approving a Conversion Authorization application.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has a process to obtain necessary permits before initiating field activity that is reflected in their environmental files and Conversion Authorization requests. An SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared that identifies whether a Notice to Proceed approval has been granted. If so, the checklist then references a review of Stipulation 1.6, to verify that the appropriate construction activity standards are being met. SPCO surveillance



activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.7.

## **1.8. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTROL**

*1.8.1. The quality assurance and quality control programs must be comprehensive and designed to assure that the applicable requirements of 49 CFR, part 192 and environmental and technical Stipulations will be incorporated in the FINAL DESIGN and complied with throughout all phases of conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM. The Company shall provide for continuous inspection of PIPELINE CONVERSION to ensure compliance with the approved design specifications and these stipulations. The term "continuous inspection", as used in this stipulation means that at least one inspector is observing each PIPELINE CONVERSION operation where PIPELINE integrity is involved (e.g., the pipe gang, backend welders, weld nondestructive testing, coating and wrapping, bedding, lowering-in, padding and backfill) at all times while that CONVERSION is being performed, or where PIPELINE CONVERSION operations are proximate to the Trans-Alaska PIPELINE SYSTEM, Kuparuk PIPELINE SYSTEM, and Milne Point PIPELINE SYSTEM, as applicable.*

*1.8.2 At a minimum, the following must be included in the quality assurance program:*

- (1) procedures for the detection and prompt abatement of any actual or potential procedure, activity, event or condition of a serious nature, that:*
  - (a) is susceptible to abatement by the Company;*
  - (b) could reasonably be expected to arise out of, or affect adversely, design, conversion, operation, maintenance, or termination of all or any part of the PIPELINE SYSTEM: and*
  - (c) that at any time may cause or threaten to cause:*
    - 1. a hazard to the safety of workers or to public health or safety, including but not limited to personal injury or loss of life of any person;*
    - 2. significant damage to the environment, including, but not limited to areas of vegetation, fish or other wildlife populations or their habitats, or any other natural resource; or*
    - 3. significant damage to the existing private improvements on or in the general vicinity of the right-of-way permit area.*

- (2) *Procedures for the relocation, repair, or replacement of improved or tangible property and the rehabilitation of natural resources (including but not limited to, REVEGETATION, restocking fish, or other wildlife populations and reestablishing their habitats) seriously damaged or destroyed, if the immediate cause of the damage or destruction results from conversion, operation, maintenance, or termination of all or any part of the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*
- (3) *Methods and procedures for achieving component and subsystems quality through proper design and specification.*
- (4) *Methods for applying quality assurance and quality control criteria in the selection of the COMPANY'S contractors and subcontractors, and contract purchases of materials and services.*
- (5) *A plan for collecting, recording, storing, retrieving and reviewing data to assure that quality has been attained, including procedures for initiating and maintaining adequate records of inspections, identification of deviations and completion of corrective actions.*
- (6) *Specific methods of detecting deviations from designs, plans, regulations, specifications, stipulations and permits, as the basis for initiating corrective action to preclude or rectify the hazards, harm, or damage referenced in sections 1.8.2.(1) and 1.8.2.(2) of these stipulations.*
- (7) *Inspection, test, and acceptance of components, subsystems, and subassemblies.*
- (8) *A plan for conducting surveys and field inspections of all facilities, processes, and procedures of the Company, its contractors, subcontractors, vendor, and suppliers critical to the achievement of quality.*

1.8.3. *The Company (including its agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors, and the employees of each of them) shall comply with the quality assurance and control program as approved and must submit reports to the COMMISSIONER to demonstrate such compliance. Such reports must be submitted quarterly unless otherwise requested by the COMMISSIONER.*

#### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This is a comprehensive stipulation (1.8.1-1.8.3) that sets forth very specific minimum requirements for the contents of quality assurance and quality control programs. The stipulation further requires the quality assurance and quality control programs to meet applicable federal (U.S. DOT) pipeline standards.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has developed programs and procedures to address all the subsections of this stipulation. These plans and procedures include the Standard Operating Procedures, Oliktok Field Environmental Compliance Spill Reports, Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans, the Alaska Safety Handbook, the North Slope Field Environmental Handbook, Alaska Waste Disposal and Reuse Guide, the Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance Program, the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, the Material Purchasing and Contracts Plan and the Process Safety Management Matrix. A SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared to verify that the lessee is satisfying the necessary stipulation subsections. The checklist is comprehensive and addresses each specific provision of the stipulation. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.8.

## **1.9 CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS**

*1.9.1. The Company shall perform PIPELINE SYSTEM operations in a safe and workmanlike manner so as to ensure protection of the environment and the safety and integrity of the PIPELINE, and shall at all times employ qualified personnel and maintain equipment sufficient for that purpose. The Company shall immediately notify the COMMISSIONER of any condition, problem, malfunction, or other occurrence which in any way threatens the safety or integrity of the PIPELINE or significant harm to the environment.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the company to adopt the necessary programs and personnel to ensure the safety and integrity of pipeline operations, but does not identify any specific programs or methodologies that must be implemented. The stipulation further requires the company to notify the Commissioner of any problem, condition, or malfunction that threatens the integrity of the pipeline or poses significant harm to the environment.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has implemented a Process for Safety and Environmental Excellence program to comply with this stipulation. An SPCO surveillance checklist has been prepared to identify whether the company is in compliance with this stipulation. The checklist is extensive, and is designed to document the existence of written operating procedures that the company has in place, and to confirm that the company implements these procedures. The checklist does not reference other stipulations that are more specific (e.g., Stipulation 1.8, Quality Assurance and Control and Stipulation 1.10, Surveillance and Maintenance), but stands alone,

addressing the existence of necessary operating programs and procedures. The adequacy of specific programs and operating measures are addressed under each subsection. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.9.

## **1.10 SURVEILLANCE AND MAINTENANCE**

*1.10.1 During the conversion, operation, maintenance and termination phases of the PIPELINE SYSTEM the Company shall conduct a surveillance and maintenance program applicable to the arctic environment. At minimum, this program must, with respect to the COMPANY'S activities, be designed to:*

- (1) provide for public health and safety;*
- (2) control damage to natural resources;*
- (3) control erosion;*
- (4) maintain PIPELINE integrity;*
- (5) control damage to public and private property.*

*The Company shall maintain complete and up-to-date records on conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination activities performed in connection with the PIPELINE SYSTEM. Such records must include surveillance data, leak and failure records, necessary operational data, modification records, and such other data as may be required by 49 CFR, Parts 191 and 192 and other applicable Federal laws and regulations.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the company to conduct a surveillance and maintenance program that is applicable to the arctic environment. The section further identifies some specific programs that must be included in the surveillance and maintenance program (provide for public health and safety; control damage to natural resources; control erosion; maintain pipeline integrity; and control damage to public and private property). The stipulation also requires the lessee to maintain complete and up-to-date records on all phases of pipeline activities. The records requirements sets forth minimum requirements, and incorporates the records requirements of 49 CFR 191 and 195, plus other applicable federal laws and regulations.

### **Compliance**

This is one of the core compliance assessment stipulations. It defines the minimum criteria for the surveillance and maintenance programs that the lessee must have to prevent, detect and abate unwanted conditions. It expressly requires that these programs be applicable to the arctic environment. The lessee has implemented various procedures within the framework of their Process for Safety and Environmental Excellence program to fulfill the requirements of this stipulation. A comprehensive, detailed checklist has been prepared that addresses each of

the subheadings of the stipulation and is structured to confirm whether the lessee maintains the necessary records on the pipeline system that the stipulation requires. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.10.

#### **1.11. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

*1.11.1. The Company shall take measures necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons directly affected by activities performed by the Company in the general vicinity of the right-of-way or permit area in connection with conversion, operation, maintenance or termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM and shall immediately abate any health or safety hazards. The Company shall notify the COMMISSIONER of accidents which occur in connection with such activities in frequency and detail identical to Occupational Safety and Health Administration reporting requirements.*

##### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

##### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to take all measures necessary to protect the health and safety of persons directly (emphasis added) affected by activities performed by the lessee in the general vicinity of the right-of-way, in connection with pipeline activities, and requires immediate abatement of any health or safety hazard. The lessee must also notify the Commissioner of any OSHA reportable accidents, related to pipeline activities, in the same manner as OSHA reporting.

##### **Compliance**

The lessee utilizes their Surveillance and Monitoring Program to monitor all pipeline activities that could affect the health and safety of persons within the vicinity of the right-of-way. A comprehensive checklist has been prepared, that identifies the health and safety plans of the lessee, requires the review of lessee records and identifies the lessee's health and safety reporting requirements. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.11.

#### **1.12. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS**

*1.12.1. The Company shall provide reasonable protection to existing public or private improvements on STATE LAND, which may be adversely affected by its activities, including the activities of its agents, employees, contractors (including subcontractors), and the employees of each of them during conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM. If it is determined that the Company has caused damage to such public and private improvements, and if the owner so requires, then the Company must promptly repair, or reimburse the owner for reasonable costs in repairing, the property to a condition which is satisfactory to the owner, but need not exceed its condition prior to damage.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to provide protection to existing public or private improvements that may be adversely affected by pipeline activities. The lessee is liable for any costs associated with damage to these improvements.

### **Compliance**

All the improvements along and within the Oliktok Pipeline right-of-way are directly related to oil and gas production and transportation. Improvements within the right-of-way that are not owned by the lessee are the Kuparuk Pipeline and several in-field production pipelines that share the Kuparuk Pipeline and Oliktok Pipeline Right-of-Way VSMs. All improvements within the right-of-way not owned by the lessee, except for the Kuparuk Pipeline, are servient to this lease.

SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There was no evidence of any activity by the lessee that has resulted in damage to any improvements along the right-of-way. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.12.

## **1.13. SURVEY MONUMENTS**

*1.13.1. The Company shall mark and protect all survey monuments encountered during conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM. These monuments are not to be disturbed; however, if disturbance of a monument or any of its accessories becomes necessary, the Company will notify the COMMISSIONER in writing before such disturbance occurs, and the COMMISSIONER will provide instructions. A written report to the COMMISSIONER will also be made immediately by the Company in the event that any monuments or accessories are inadvertently damaged.*

*1.13.2. If any public land survey monuments, corners or accessories (excluding geodetic survey monuments) of the United States or survey monuments of others, are destroyed or damaged during the conversion, operation, maintenance, or termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM, the Company shall employ a qualified land surveyor to reestablish or restore same in accordance with the "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of Public Lands" of the Bureau of Land Management, and shall record such survey in the appropriate records. Additional requirements for the protection of monuments, corners and bearing trees on STATE LAND may be prescribed by the COMMISSIONER.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to protect all survey monuments encountered throughout the pipeline system. If any survey monuments are going to be disturbed the lessee must notify

the Commissioner in writing and receive written instructions for replacement. Any survey monuments damaged or destroyed inadvertently must be restored according to procedures set forth in the stipulation.

### **Compliance**

The lessee uses a Preventative Maintenance Work Order process to manage this requirement. A checklist has been prepared that addresses this issue. The checklist establishes that the lessee has maps, as-builts, or other documentation that identify survey monument locations along the right-of-way. The checklist then identifies whether the lessee has notification procedures in the event of a monument disturbance. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.13.

## **1.14 FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION**

*1.14.1 The Company shall promptly notify the COMMISSIONER of any fires on, or which may threaten any portion of, the PIPELINE SYSTEM and shall take all measures necessary or appropriate for the prevention and suppression of fires in accordance with applicable law. The Company shall comply with the instructions and directions of the COMMISSIONER concerning the use, prevention and suppression of fires on STATE LAND. Use of open fires in connection with conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM is prohibited on STATE LAND unless authorized in writing by the COMMISSIONER and performed in accordance with 18 AAC 50.030.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to promptly notify the Commissioner of any fires on or along the pipeline, or that may threaten the pipeline. The stipulation requires the lessee to take all necessary measures to prevent and suppress fires.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has instituted a Quality Program for incident investigation and Surveillance Program to comply with this stipulation. A checklist has been prepared that identifies the lessee's fire safety program, including equipment caches, reporting and responding procedures and Commissioner notification processes. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.14.

## **1.15 ELECTRONICALLY OPERATED DEVICES**

*1.15.1 The Company shall, as necessary, screen, filter, or otherwise suppress any electronically operated devices installed as part of the PIPELINE SYSTEM which are capable of producing electromagnetic interference radiations so that such devices will not adversely affect the functioning of existing communications systems.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to, as necessary, screen, filter or otherwise suppress any electronically operated devices installed as part of the pipeline system that are capable of producing electromagnetic interference that may affect pipeline communication systems.

### **Compliance**

The lessee's Process Safety Management Matrix, showing engineering and design records, is used to manage this requirement. A checklist has been prepared that identifies whether the lessee has procedures to screen their communications systems from interference and suppress those that may adversely affect it. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.15.

## **1.16. TERMINATION OF AUTHORIZATION**

*1.16.1. Upon revocation or termination of the authorization of which these stipulations are a part, the Company shall remove all improvements and equipment from the STATE LAND, unless otherwise approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER, and provided that restoration which appropriately can be performed prior to such removal has been completed to the satisfaction of the COMMISSIONER as required by applicable stipulations.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during the termination phase of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to remove improvements and equipment from State lands within the right-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner, upon revocation or termination of the authorization to operate within the right-of-way.

### **Compliance**

Compliance is subject to a condition precedent; that the Commissioner has revoked or terminated part or all of the authorization to use the right-of-way. No termination activities were initiated in 2001, either by the Commissioner or the lessee. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.16.

## **1.17. REGULATION OF ACCESS**

*1.17.1. There shall be free and unrestricted access to and upon ROADS; except that with the written consent of the COMMISSIONER, the Company may regulate or prohibit access and vehicular traffic on ROADS as required to facilitate operations or to protect the public, wildlife, and livestock from hazards associated with operation and maintenance of the PIPELINE. The Company shall provide appropriate warnings, flagmen, barricades, and*



*other safety measures when the Company is using ROADS or regulating public access to or upon ROADS.*

*1.17.2. The Company shall make provisions for suitable permanent crossings for the public at locations and to standards approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER where the right-of-way crosses existing ROADS, foot-trails, winter trails or other rights-of-way. The Company hereby expressly agrees to provide for two public crossings of the PIPELINE during the CONVERSION period. There shall also be one PIPELINE crossing constructed at a future date, the location and time to be determined by the COMMISSIONER, which crossings must substantially comply with Exhibit D.*

#### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

#### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to provide free and unrestricted access to and upon the roads, subject to restrictions approved by the Commissioner. The lessee shall also make provisions for permanent public crossings for existing roads and trails. However, the issues of right-of-way crossings were addressed during the construction phase. Monitoring now focuses on maintaining these crossings. A review of new construction projects reveals whether any access issues are involved.

#### **Compliance**

The lessee uses guidelines outlined in the Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance and Monitoring Program and the Alaska Safety Handbook to fulfill the requirements of this stipulation. A surveillance checklist has been prepared to ensure that all existing road crossings are maintained. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.17.

### ***1.18. USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES***

*1.18.1. Subject to existing rights vested in other parties, the Company shall use existing facilities to the maximum extent feasible in all conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination activities associated with the PIPELINE SYSTEM.*

#### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

#### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee, to the extent possible, use existing facilities, to the maximum extent feasible, for all pipeline activities.

#### **Compliance**

All the existing facilities within the Oliktok Pipeline right-of-way are used by the lessee. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 1.18.

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **2.1. ENVIRONMENTAL BRIEFINGS**

*2.1.1. The Company shall develop and provide environmental briefings for supervisory and field personnel directly related to the project and for field representatives in accordance with the approved environmental briefings required by Stipulation 1.6.1.*

#### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

#### **Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to develop and provide environmental briefings for supervisory and field personnel involved in lease related projects. The level of briefing must meet the standards required for Stipulation 1.6.1 (Design Criteria, Plans and Programs).

#### **Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: North Slope Training Cooperative (formal training protocol for all employees and contractors performing services for the lessee on the North Slope); and A North Slope Field Environmental Handbook. In addition to these programs, all construction projects and activities require plans and programs (*See*, e.g., Stipulation 1.6, Design Criteria) that include environmental briefings.

SPCO surveillance activities in 2001 included reviewing the above referenced compliance reports and programs and a review of records demonstrating environmental briefings for supervisory and field staff. The prepared checklist requires a review of the environmental briefing programs, procedures and records that the lessee has in place. Satisfactory completion of the checklist will establish compliance that the lessee meets the requirements of the stipulation, has the necessary environmental briefing plans and programs in place, and is implementing them. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.1.

## **2.2. POLLUTION CONTROL**

### **2.2.1. GENERAL**

*2.2.1.1. The Company shall construct, operate, maintain, and terminate the PIPELINE SYSTEM in a manner that will avoid or minimize degradation of air, land, and water quality. The Company shall comply with applicable air and water quality standards and Federal, State and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or prevention.*

### **2.2.2. WATER AND LAND POLLUTION**

2.2.2.1. *Mobile ground equipment must not be operated in lakes, WETLANDS, streams or rivers unless such operation is approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.2.2.2. *The temperature of natural surface or ground waters must not be changed significantly by the PIPELINE SYSTEM or by any CONVERSION related activities unless approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.2.2.3. *The Company shall comply with the standards for thermal pollution in the Alaska Water Quality Standards (18 AAC 70), as approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation.*

2.2.3. SANITATION AND WASTE DISPOSAL

2.2.3.1. *All HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES and WASTE generated in conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM must be removed or otherwise disposed of in a manner acceptable to the Department of Environmental Conservation. All applicable Federal, State, and Local requirements will be incorporated in the plans required in Stipulation 1.6.1.*

2.2.4. ICE FOG

2.2.4.1. *The Company shall utilize and operate all facilities and devices used in connection with the PIPELINE SYSTEM so as to avoid or minimize ice fog. Facilities and devices which cannot be prevented from producing ice fog shall be located so as not to interfere with airfields, communities, HIGHWAYS, or ROADS.*

**Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

**Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to construct and operate the pipeline system in a manner that avoids or minimizes degradation of air, land, and water quality. It requires the lessee to comply with all applicable state and federal environmental and pollution control statutes and regulations. The stipulation has subsections that specifically address water and land pollution, thermal pollution, and hazardous and solid waste management.

**Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: North Slope Field Environmental Handbook; Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance Program; HEST (Health, Environmental, Safety, Training and Emergency Services) Standard Operating Procedures. The Environmental Handbook and the HEST procedures provide guidelines for safety and environmental compliance activities on the North Slope. They complement, but do not replace, detailed and specific regulatory compliance programs and plans that the lessee has in place. These programs and requirements are discussed in greater detail in the remaining environmental stipulations.

The compliance aspects of this stipulation are reserved and determined by the respective state, federal, or local agencies that have statutory or regulatory oversight over these specific pollution control programs. The determination of compliance is made in conjunction with these agencies. Many of the resource and enforcement agencies with pollution control enforcement and compliance authority have staff in the SPCO, with inter-agency coordination being one of the missions of SPCO. In addition, the department reviews the programs, records and processes that the lessee has established to satisfy compliance with this stipulation. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.2.

### **2.3. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL**

#### **2.3.1. GENERAL**

*2.3.1.1. The Company shall perform all PIPELINE SYSTEM activities so as to minimize disturbance to all surface areas.*

*2.3.1.1.1 The use of a gravel conversion/work pad is limited to times when the pad will adequately protect the surface. During the spring season all activities which may cause rutting of the pad to a depth in excess of 12 inches shall be suspended until the COMMISSIONER has authorized a resumption of activities.*

*2.3.1.2. The design of the PIPELINE SYSTEM shall provide for the control of erosion and sediment production, transport, and deposit.*

*2.3.1.3. Erosion control measures, including the use of erosion control structures, if necessary, must be implemented on STATE LAND in accordance with the plans approved under Stipulation 1.6.1. to limit induced and accelerated erosion, limit sediment production, and transport and lessen the possibility of forming new drainage channels. The design of such measures must be based on the maximum rainfall rate and snowmelt combination reasonably characteristic of the region, the effects of thawing produced by flowing or ponded water on permafrost and the effects of ice. Permanent erosion control structures must be designed to accommodate a 50-year flood.*

*2.3.1.4. Surface materials suitable for use in restoration that are taken from disturbed areas must be stockpiled and utilized during restoration unless otherwise approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER. Erosion and sediment control practices to be utilized must be determined by the needs of specific sites and, as appropriate, must include but not be limited to REVEGETATION, mulching, and placement of mat binders, soil binders, rock, or gravel blankets or structures.*

#### **2.3.2. CROSSING OF STREAMS, RIVERS, FLOOD PLAINS AND WETLANDS**

2.3.2.1. *The Company shall minimize erosion and sedimentation at stream, river and WETLANDS crossings and those parts of the PIPELINE SYSTEM within floodplains as provided in Stipulation 3.4.*

2.3.2.2. *Temporary access over streambanks prior to and following CONVERSION must be made through use of fill ramps rather than by cutting through streambanks, unless otherwise approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER. The Company shall remove such ramps upon termination of seasonal or final use. Ramp materials shall be disposed of in a manner approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.3.3. EXCAVATED MATERIAL

2.3.3.1. *Excavated material in excess of that required to backfill around any structure, including the pipe, must be disposed of in accordance with the approved overburden and excess material disposal plan required in Stipulation 2.3.1.4.*

**Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations. However, it is most applicable during construction activities.

**Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to design and operate all pipeline systems in such a manner as to minimize erosion and control sedimentation transportation and deposition. Erosion control measures must be implemented, as necessary, and must meet the design criteria requirements of Stipulation 1.6. Additionally, the stipulation specifically addresses stream and river crossings, and flood plain and wetlands area, and requires the lessee to minimize erosion and control sedimentation in these areas.

**Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for Kuparuk, Kuparuk Extension and Oliktok Pipelines, North Slope Field Environmental Handbook; and Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance Program. There have been no recent construction activities along the pipeline right-of-way that would contribute to erosion or sedimentation, nor has operations or maintenance activities resulted in erosion or sedimentation problems.

SPCO surveillance activities include reviewing all stream crossings along the right-of-way for evidence of erosion or sedimentation. The surveillance also includes a review of any recent construction activities, to review erosion and sedimentation control plans, and their implementation. The surveillance checklist references Stipulation 1.6 (Design Criteria, Plans and Programs), which requires a specific program for erosion and sedimentation control. Thus, compliance with this stipulation requires concurrent review for compliance with the design criteria requirements of Stipulation 1.6. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There were no recent construction or conversion activities along the Oliktok Pipeline right-of-way. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.3.

## **2.4. FISH AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

2.4.1. *The Company shall design, construct, operate, maintain, and terminate the PIPELINE SYSTEM so as to assure free passage and movement of fish in streams designated by the COMMISSIONER. Temporary blockages of fish necessitated by instream activities may be approved. The proposed designs and CONVERSION plans must include the time and place that such temporary blockages may occur.*

2.4.2. *Pump intakes must be screened to prevent harm to fish. Screening specification shall be approved by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.4.3. *When abandoned, water diversion structures shall be removed or plugged and stabilized unless otherwise approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

### **2.4.4. FISH SPAWNING BEDS, FISH REARING AREAS and OVERWINTERING AREAS**

2.4.4.1. *“FISH SPAWNING BEDS” means those areas where anadromous and resident fish deposit their eggs.*

2.4.4.2. *“Fish Rearing” areas means those areas inhabited by fish during any life stage.*

2.4.4.3. *“Over wintering” areas means those areas inhabited by fish between freeze up and breakup.*

2.4.4.4. *The Company shall avoid disturbance to those FISH SPAWNING BEDS, FISH REARING AREAS and OVERWINTERING AREAS designated by the COMMISSIONER. However, where disturbances cannot be avoided, proposed modifications and appropriate mitigation measures must be designed by the Company and approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.4.4.5. *The Company shall protect FISH SPAWNING BEDS, FISH REARING AREAS and OVERWINTERING AREAS from sediment where soil material is expected to be suspended in water as a result of CONVERSION activities. Settling basins or other sediment control structures shall be constructed and maintained to intercept such sediment before it reaches rivers, streams, lakes or WETLANDS.*

2.4.4.6. *The Company shall comply with any site-specific terms and conditions imposed by the COMMISSIONER to protect FISH SPAWNING BEDS, FISH REARING AREAS and OVERWINTERING AREAS from the effects of the COMPANY'S activities. If material sites are approved adjacent to or in lakes, rivers, streams, WETLANDS, or flood plains the COMMISSIONER may require the Company to construct levees or berms or employ other suitable means to protect fish and fish passage and to protect or minimize sedimentation. The Company shall repair damage to such areas caused by conversion,*

*operation, maintenance, or termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM to the satisfaction of the COMMISSIONER as stated in writing.*

*2.4.4.7. The Company shall not take water from FISH SPAWNING BEDS, FISH REARING AREAS and OVERWINTERING AREAS or waters that directly replenish those areas during critical periods that will be defined by the COMMISSIONER, unless otherwise approved by the COMMISSIONER.*

*2.4.5. ZONES OF RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES*

*2.4.5.1. Activities of the Company in connection with conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM in key fish and wildlife areas and in specific areas where threatened or endangered species of animals are found may be restricted by the COMMISSIONER during periods of fish and wildlife breeding, nesting, spawning, lambing, and calving activity, Over wintering and during major migrations of fish and wildlife. The COMMISSIONER shall provide the Company written notice of such restrictive action. At least annually, and so far in advance of such restrictions as is possible, the COMMISSIONER shall furnish the Company an updated list of those areas where such actions may be required.*

*2.4.6. BIG GAME MOVEMENTS*

*2.4.6.1. The Company shall, construct and maintain both the buried and above ground sections of the PIPELINE so as to assure free passage and movement of big game animals. At above ground locations there will be a 5 foot minimum height clearance at the pile supports unless otherwise authorized by the COMMISSIONER.*

**Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations. However, it is most applicable during construction activities.

**Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to design and operate all pipeline systems to protect the movements of fish and wildlife. The stipulation expressly requires the lessee to assure free passage and movement of fish, and to avoid disturbance of fish spawning beds, rearing areas and over wintering areas. The lessee must also design and construct pipeline sections to assure free passage of big game animals, including satisfying minimum height clearances. The Commissioner may also establish specific zones of restricted activities.

**Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance Program; North Slope Field Environmental Handbook; and ADNR and ADFG permitting process. Pipeline activities that may affect stream and wetland areas (hence fish habitat), are reviewed by the Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), and generally require permits from ADFG (Title 16 permits). Thus, generally, if the lessee

obtains a Title 16 permit, and proceeds in accordance with the permit, the lessee will be deemed in compliance with this stipulation. These activities may also require a DNR permit.

SPCO surveillance activities included a field inspection to verify that there were no blockages of fish passages, or disturbance to spawning beds. The inspection also verified that all big game crossings were properly maintained with the necessary clearance. The surveillance also determined that the lessee had not received any letters or notices of non-compliance from any resource agencies concerning fish passage or big game movement. The checklist further requires a records review to determine if any approval issues are pending with ADFG. The checklist also references Stipulation 1.6 (Design Criteria, Plans and Programs), which requires a specific program for stream, river and floodplain crossings. Thus, compliance with this stipulation requires concurrent review and compliance with Stipulation 1.6. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.4.

### **2.5.2. LAYOUT OF MATERIAL SITES, IF REQUIRED**

*2.5.2.1. Materials site boundaries must be shaped in such a manner as to blend with surrounding natural land patterns. Regardless of the layout of material sites, primary emphasis shall be placed on prevention of soil erosion, damage to vegetation and destruction of fish and wildlife habitat.*

#### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations. However, it is most applicable during construction activities.

#### **Summary**

This stipulation (Stipulation 2.5.2) requires material site boundaries to be shaped to blend with surrounding land patterns. Material sites shall also be placed and designed to prevent erosion, and minimize any damage to vegetation or impact fish and wildlife habitat.

#### **Compliance**

There are no material sites associated with the pipeline right-of-way. All the material sites in this area are located at great distances from the right-of-way, and are not associated with right-of-way or pipeline activities. The DNR Division of Land, Northern Regional Office, manages material sites for North Slope activities.

If material site activity along or within the right-of-way was proposed, the lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance Program; North Slope Field Environmental Handbook; and the ADNRC permitting process.

A checklist has been prepared that reviews this stipulation, and will confirm if material site extraction is occurring. Stipulation 1.6 (Design Criteria, Plans and Programs) specifically requires the lessee to develop a plan or program for material exploration and extraction.



SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no material sites along or within the right-of-way. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.5.

## **2.6. DISTURBANCE OR USE OF NATURAL WATERS**

2.6.1. *All activities of the Company in connection with the PIPELINE SYSTEM that may create new lakes, drain existing lakes, significantly divert natural drainages and surface runoff, permanently alter stream or ground water hydrology, or disturb significant areas of streambeds are prohibited unless such activities along with necessary mitigation measures are approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.6.2. *The Company shall not develop or utilize any wells or surface water sources on STATE LAND for the conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM without complying with AS 46.15.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation prohibits the lessee from creating new lakes, draining existing lakes, or significantly altering natural drainages or surface runoff patterns, unless approved by the Commissioner, and supported with necessary mitigation measures.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance program; North Slope Field Environmental Handbook; and ADNRC permitting process. There have been no activities by the lessee creating any new lakes, or altering any drainage or runoff patterns.

SPCO surveillance activities included a filed surveillance along the length of the right-of-way to verify that there have been no changes to drainages or runoff patterns. The surveillance also included a records review to determine that no new construction, conversion or maintenance activities have occurred that could result in a disturbance of natural waters. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.6.

## **2.7. OFF RIGHT-OF-WAY TRAFFIC**

2.7.1. *The Company shall not operate mobile ground equipment on STATE LAND off the Right-of-Way, and ROADS, or authorized areas unless approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER, or when necessary to prevent immediate harm to any person or property.*

**Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline.

**Summary**

This stipulation restricts the lessee from operating mobile ground equipment on State lands off the right-of-way without written approval by the Commissioner, or if necessary to prevent immediate harm to any person or property.

**Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: North Slope Field Environmental Handbook; Standard Operating Procedures (on Tundra Travel); and the ADNRC permitting process.

SPCO surveillance activities reviewed the lessee's records to determine whether any off right-of-way travel requests had been permitted or approved. The surveillance also included a field inspection that determined that no unauthorized off right-of-way travel onto the tundra had occurred. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.7.

**2.8. USE OF EXPLOSIVES**

2.8.1. *The Company shall submit a plan for storage and use of explosives, including, but not limited to blasting techniques, to the COMMISSIONER for approval in accordance with Stipulation 1.6.*

2.8.2. *No blasting may be done under water or within one-quarter (1/4) mile of streams or lakes with identified fisheries or wildlife resources without written approval of the COMMISSIONER.*

2.8.3. *Timing and location of blasting must be approved by the COMMISSIONER.*

**Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

**Summary**

This stipulation requires the lessee to submit plans for the storage and use of explosives associated with right-of-way activities.

**Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Blasting Plan requirements of Stipulation 1.6; Conversion Authorization requirements of Stipulation 1.7; and ADFG permitting processes. There has been no recent blasting activity or use of explosives associated with the right-of-way.

SPCO surveillance activities verified that there has been no blasting activity or use of explosives associate with or along the right-of-way within the last year. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.8.

## **2.9. RESTORATION**

2.9.1. *Upon completion of use, the Company shall restore all areas of STATE LAND disturbed by it in accordance with schedules approved by the COMMISSIONER and approved plans required under Stipulation 1.6. Restoration performed by the Company will be approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.9.2. *Restoration includes, where appropriate, erosion and sediment control, REVEGETATION, reestablishment of native species and visual amelioration and stabilization. Unless otherwise directed by the COMMISSIONER, all disturbed areas of STATE LAND must be left in such stabilized condition that erosion will be minimized through the use of adequately designed and constructed waterbars, REVEGETATION and chemical surface control; culverts and bridges must be removed, and slopes shall be restored by the Company in a manner satisfactory to the COMMISSIONER.*

2.9.3. *REVEGETATION of disturbed areas of STATE LAND must be accomplished as soon as practicable in accordance with plans and schedules required under Stipulation 1.6. The results of REVEGETATION must be satisfactory to the COMMISSIONER as stated in writing.*

2.9.4. *The Company shall dispose of all materials from ROADS, haul ramps, berms, dikes, and other earthen structures it has placed on STATE LAND, in accordance with approved restoration plans unless otherwise directed by the COMMISSIONER, provided, however, that the maintenance/access pad is exempted from the requirement if to do so would result in more environmental damage than its retention.*

2.9.5. *Pending restoration of a disturbed area of STATE LAND, the Company shall maintain the area in a stabilized condition satisfactory to the COMMISSIONER.*

2.9.6. *Upon completion of restoration of an area of STATE LAND, the Company shall remove all equipment and supplies from that area in accordance with approved restoration plans unless otherwise directed by the COMMISSIONER.*

2.9.7. *The Company shall maintain all restored areas of STATE LAND in accordance with approved plans required under Stipulation 1.6.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

## **Summary**

This section requires the lessee, upon completion of use, to restore all areas of State land disturbed during pipeline activities. The stipulation is quite lengthy, defines restoration, and establishes the minimum criteria for complete restoration. Restoration includes revegetation of disturbed areas, disposal of road and pad materials, and erosion stabilization measures. This stipulation requirement is most applicable during termination proceedings, but also applies following construction and modification projects, or if part or all of the right-of-way is withdrawn.

## **Compliance**

There has been no completion of use of state lands along the right-of-way, or withdrawal or termination activities to require restoration activities. When restoration is required, the lessee will submit for approval a specific restoration plan for the activity that is proposed. Compliance with this stipulation is related to Stipulation 1.6, Design Criteria, which requires a specific plan or program be in place for restoration and rehabilitation activities.

SPCO surveillance activities determined that there has been no withdrawal or completion of use of state lands within the right-of-way that requires restoration. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.9.

## **2.10. REPORTING, PREVENTION, CONTROL, CLEANUP AND DISPOSAL OF OIL, NATURAL GAS, AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES DISCHARGES**

*2.10.1. The Company shall give notice in accordance with applicable law of any spill, leakage, or discharge of OIL, NATURAL GAS or other HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES in connection with the conversion, operation, maintenance, or termination of the PIPELINE SYSTEM to:*

- (1) the COMMISSIONER and*
- (2) such other State officials as are required by law to be given such notice.*

*Any oral notice shall be confirmed in writing as soon as possible.*

*2.10.2. The Company shall submit an OIL, NATURAL GAS, and Hazardous Substance Control, cleanup and disposal plan to the COMMISSIONER and the appropriate federal agencies in accordance with Stipulation 1.6.1. The plan shall conform to the requirements of 40 CFR, Part 192, and this stipulation and must outline all areas where OIL, NATURAL GAS and/or HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES are stored, utilized, transported or distributed. The plan must include fuel distribution systems, storage and containment plans, leak detection systems, handling procedures, training programs for collection, storage and ultimate disposal of WASTE OIL, NATURAL GAS, cleanup methods, and disposal sites. The*

*Company shall demonstrate its capability and readiness to execute the plan. The COMMISSIONER shall not require Company to revise such plan such that it will not comply with 49 CFR, Part 192.*

### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This section establishes reporting requirements for spills or discharges of oil or hazardous substances in connection with all pipeline system activities. The stipulation further requires the lessee to submit an SPCC Plan that meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 112.

Additionally, the stipulation references Stipulation 1.6 (Design Criteria, Plans and Programs), which expressly requires the lessee to submit plans or programs for oil and hazardous substances control, cleanup and disposal. This provision requires the lessee to comply with State oil spill prevention and response statutes and regulations (AS Title 46 and 18 AAC).

### **Compliance**

The spill prevention and response requirements of the stipulation fall within the statutory enforcement powers of state and federal environmental agencies (notably the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency). Thus, the best measure of lease stipulation compliance is a determination as to whether the lessee is in compliance with the appropriate environmental agencies for these measures.

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Oliktok Pipeline Operations Manual (Leak Detection section and Reportable Events section); North Slope Environmental Field Handbook; Oliktok Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan; Oliktok Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan; Alaska Clean Seas Technical Manual; and Standard Operating Procedures.

SPCO surveillance reviewed the lessee's notification procedures, plus the records documenting approved state and federal spill prevention and response plans. The staff also coordinated with state and federal environmental regulators within the SPCO to verify that the lessee was in compliance with the governing environmental laws and regulations. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.10.

## **2.11. PIPELINE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

*2.11.1. The Company shall submit a PIPELINE contingency plan to the COMMISSIONER and the appropriate federal agencies in accordance with Stipulation 1.6.1. The plan must conform to the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 195.615, and must outline the steps to be taken in the event of a failure, leak or explosion in the PIPELINE. The plan must be approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER prior to PIPELINE start up and the Company shall demonstrate its capability and readiness to execute the plan.*

2.11.2. *The Company shall, as appropriate, update the plan and methods of implementation thereof, which must be submitted annually to the COMMISSIONER for his written approval.*

**Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

**Summary**

This section requires the lessee to submit a pipeline contingency plan that conforms to the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 195. The plan must outline the steps the lessee will take in the event of a failure, leak or explosion in the pipeline. The plan must be approved by the Commissioner prior to pipeline startup, and must be updated and submitted annually for Commissioner approval.

**Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Oliktok Pipeline Operations Manual, seeking annual recertification.

JPO annual reviews for approval the Oliktok Pipeline Operations Manual. The latest review is documented in correspondence from The SPCO to the lessee, Letter Number 02-013-DW, dated February 7, 2002. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.11.

**2.12. CULTURAL RESOURCES**

2.12.1. *The Company shall undertake the affirmative responsibility to identify, protect and preserve cultural, historic, prehistoric and archeological resources that may be impacted by the PIPELINE SYSTEM consistent with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the implementing procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR Part 800.*

**Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

**Summary**

This section requires the lessee to undertake the responsibility to identify, protect and preserve cultural, historic, prehistoric and archeological resources that may be impacted by pipeline system activities.

**Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: Historic sites were previously identified during pipeline design and early construction activities. There have been no recent construction activities. New construction or

maintenance projects are designed to avoid historic sites, or minimize any potential disturbance.

SPCO surveillance activities verified that no new construction activities have occurred within the right-of-way. Stipulation compliance is linked with Stipulation 1.6 (Design Criteria, Plans and Programs), which expressly requires cultural resource preservation plans or programs. Thus, any construction, maintenance, or operational activity is reviewed to determine that an appropriate cultural resource plan or program is in place. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.12.

### **2.13. HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING**

*2.13.1. The Company shall inform its employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, and their employees, of applicable laws and regulations relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping.*

#### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

#### **Summary**

This section requires the lessee to inform its employees, agents, and contractors of applicable laws and regulations relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping.

#### **Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: North Slope Field Environmental Handbook; North Slope Visitors Guide; and posting of fishing and hunting regulations at Kuparuk River Unit facilities.

SPCO surveillance activities found that the lessee with several systems in place for notifying employees, agents, and contractors of the applicable fishing, hunting, and trapping regulations. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.13.

### **2.14. SMALL CRAFT PASSAGE**

*2.14.1. The creation of any permanent obstruction to the passage of small craft in streams is prohibited.*

#### **Scope**

This section applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This section prohibits the lessee from creating any permanent obstruction to small craft passage in any streams.

### **Compliance**

The lessee has established the following programs to satisfy compliance with this stipulation: The entire pipeline is above ground, and the only river crossing where small craft passage could be an issue is the Kuparuk River. At the Kuparuk River crossing, the only potential obstructions are from the pipeline vertical support members (VSM). The VSM design limits or removes any potential for obstruction for small craft passage. The Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance and Maintenance Program regularly checks the river crossing for obstructions.

SPCO surveillance activities found no evidence or potential for obstruction for small craft passage along or within the right-of-way. This stipulation rarely applies to the North Slope transportation pipeline rights-of-way, as there are very few stream crossings for these pipelines, and where crossings exist, there are minimal, if any obstructions. Compliance with this section can also be linked with Stipulation 1.6 (Design Criteria, Plans and Programs), which expressly requires stream, river and flood plain crossing plans or programs. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 2.14.



### 3. TECHNICAL

#### 3.1. PIPELINE SYSTEM STANDARDS

##### 3.1.1. GENERAL STANDARDS

3.1.1.1. *All design, including selection of material, and conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination practices employed with respect to the PIPELINE SYSTEM must be in accordance with sound engineering practice and, with regard to the PIPELINE, must meet or exceed the Department of Transportation Regulations, 49 CFR, Parts 191, "Reports of Leaks," and 192, "Transportation of Natural and Other GAS by PIPELINE: Minimum Federal Safety Standards."*

3.1.1.2. *Requirements in addition to those set forth in the above minimum standards may be imposed by the COMMISSIONER as necessary to reflect the impact of arctic environments. The COMMISSIONER will make every effort to identify such additional requirements during the design phase.*

##### 3.1.2. SPECIFIC STANDARDS

3.1.2.1. *All operation, maintenance and termination activities in connection with the PIPELINE SYSTEM shall be conducted so as to avoid surface modifications and shall be planned and executed in such a way that any resulting alteration of permafrost will not jeopardize PIPELINE integrity and the surrounding environment. In addition, the PIPELINE design must provide for mainline block valves (intended to control spills); and additional valves located with the best judgment regarding wildlife habitat, fish habitat, and potentially hazardous areas or as may be designated by the COMMISSIONER to accommodate potentially hazardous areas, other facilities, and environmental values.*

3.1.2.2. *The PIPELINE design in environmentally sensitive areas designated by the COMMISSIONER must provide for minimum maintenance needs to reduce reentry requirements.*

3.1.2.3. *All practicable means must be utilized to minimize injury to the ground organic layer.*

3.1.2.4. *Welder qualification tests must be by destructive means, in accordance with Section 3 of API 1104, except that operators of automatic welding equipment may be qualified by radiography. Welder qualification tests for station piping facilities may alternately be in accordance with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section 9.*

3.1.2.5. *All conversion, operation, maintenance, and termination activities in connection with the PIPELINE SYSTEM must be conducted so as to avoid surface modifications and must be planned and executed in such a way that any resulting alteration of permafrost will not jeopardize PIPELINE integrity and the surrounding environment.*

3.1.2.6. *A monitoring program must be developed by the Company as part of the surveillance and maintenance plan required by Stipulation 1.10. which must identify any PIPELINE movement that may affect PIPELINE integrity, resulting from frost heave or settlement forces. This program, including baseline data, must be finalized and operational prior to transmission of NATURAL GAS through the PIPELINE.*

3.1.3. STANDARDS FOR ROADS

3.1.3.1. *The Company shall submit a layout of each proposed conversion/maintenance/access pad for approval by the COMMISSIONER in accordance with Stipulation 1.7.*

3.1.3.2. *ROADS must be constructed to standards suitable for safe operations of equipment at the travel speeds proposed by the Company in accordance with Stipulation 3.1.3.3.*

3.1.3.3. *Design, materials and CONVERSION practices employed for conversion/maintenance/access pads must be in accordance with safe and proven engineering practice. Conversion/maintenance/access pads intended for permanent use must be constructed in accordance with the principles of CONVERSION for secondary ROADS for the arctic environments. Existing ROADS approved for use by the Company that do not meet these standards need not be upgraded, subject to approval of the COMMISSIONER, provided that the basic access requirements imposed by Stipulation 1.18. are satisfied.*

3.1.3.4 *The maximum allowable grade is 12 percent unless otherwise approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

**Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of the pipeline.

**Summary**

This stipulation is to assure that design, including material, and construction, operation and maintenance are in accordance with sound engineering principles.

**Compliance**

The lessee has implemented procedures to manage this stipulation, contained in the following documents; Oliktok Pipeline Operating Manual; Oliktok Field Environmental Compliance Spill Reporting; Process Safety Management Matrix; Standard Operating Procedures; Requirements for Maintenance and Repair; Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance Program and the ADNRR Permitting Process Procedures. A surveillance checklist has been prepared to address this stipulation. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 3.1.

### **3.2. WORK PAD**

#### **3.2.1. WORK PAD DESIGN**

3.2.1.1. *The work pad must consist of 3 feet of gravel if satisfactory construction can be achieved.*

3.2.1.1.1 *If a 3-foot thick work pad cannot be properly constructed, alternate design plans must be submitted for review and approval by the COMMISSIONER.*

3.2.1.1.2 *The work pad maintenance plan for CONVERSION and operation of the PIPELINE must be developed for approval by the COMMISSIONER.*

#### **3.2.2. WORK PAD CONSTRUCTION**

3.2.2.1. *A Construction plan must be presented for the COMMISSIONER 's approval prior to either the gravel work pad or snow/ice pad construction.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during the construction phase of the pipeline.

### **Summary**

This stipulation is to ensure that work pads are constructed and maintained consistent with approved construction plans.

### **Compliance**

A surveillance checklist is prepared to address this stipulation. However there are no work pads within or along the Oliktok Pipeline right-of-way. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 3.2.

### **3.3. STREAM AND FLOOD PLAIN CROSSING**

#### **3.3.1. GENERAL**

3.3.1.1. *The PIPELINE SYSTEM must be designed so as to both minimize the number of stream and Wetland crossings and to include, but not be limited to, consideration of aufeis development, erosion and sedimentation, restriction of natural meander, or alteration of the physical or chemical nature of the water body.*

3.3.1.2. *The PIPELINE SYSTEM must be designed to withstand or accommodate the effects (including runoff, stream and flood plain erosion, meander and hydrologic (including surface and subsurface)) conditions considered characteristic for each hydrologic region. For stream crossings and portions of the PIPELINE within the flood plain, the following standards will apply to such PIPELINE design:*

3.3.1.2.1. *The design flood must be based on the HEC-2 Water Surface Profile Computer Program (723-X6-L202A), Corps of Engineers, unless otherwise approved by the COMMISSIONER.*

3.3.1.2.2. *For overhead crossings, analysis must be made to ensure that support structures are adequately protected from the effects of scour, channel migration, undercutting, ice forces, degradation of permafrost and other external and internal loads.*

3.3.1.2.3. *To avoid channelization along the pipe, appropriate design and CONVERSION procedures will be included in the plans required in Stipulation 1.6.1. and must be used wherever there is potential for such channelization.*

3.3.1.2.4. *Methods of constructing stream crossings must be approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER prior to initiation of field activities.*

3.3.1.3. *Low water crossings (fords across streams or rivers where any mobile ground equipment is moved on the streambed) must be designed, constructed, maintained, and restored to standards approved in writing by the COMMISSIONER.*

### 3.3.2 CULVERTS AND BRIDGES

3.3.2.1. *Culverts and bridges necessary for maintenance of the PIPELINE must be designed at a minimum to accommodate a (50) year flood in accordance with criteria established by the American Association of State Highway Officials and the Federal Highway Administration, and must be endorsed by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.*

3.3.2.2. *Culverts necessary for CONVERSION or operation of the PIPELINE SYSTEM must be installed a minimum of six (6) inches below the thalweg in fish streams which will be identified by the COMMISSIONER.*

### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during all phases of pipeline operations.

### **Summary**

This stipulation is to ensure that the pipeline system is designed and constructed to minimize the number of stream and wetland crossings, is resistant to erosion and sedimentation and is designed to withstand the effects of hydrologic conditions. The stipulation also requires the pipeline have certain technical design characteristics and that the methods be approved by the commissioner. It also requires low water crossings by mobile ground equipment to have approved designs and that bridges and culverts be able to accommodate a 50-year flood.

### **Compliance**

A surveillance checklist has been prepared to address this stipulation. The Oliktok Pipeline crosses the Kuparuk River at one location using an above ground support system. The design

was approved prior to construction and the lessee obtained the necessary permits. There are no low water crossing locations for mobile ground equipment along the Oliktok Pipeline Right-of-Way and there have been no culvert replacements. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 3.3.

### **3.4. PIPELINE CORROSION**

3.4.1. *The Company shall provide plans, as required by Stipulation 1.6.1, for corrosion resistant design and methods for early detection of corrosion in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 192. This must include consideration of:*

- (1) PIPELINE material to be used and information on its particular suitability for the environment involved;*
- (2) details on the external pipe protection to be provided (coating, wrapping, etc.), including information variations of the coating process to cope with variations in environmental factors along the PIPELINE route;*
- (3) plans for cathodic protection if necessary or when appropriate including details of impressed current sources and controls to ensure continuous maintenance of adequate protection over the entire surface of the pipe;*
- (4) details of plans for monitoring cathodic protection current including spacing of current monitors;*
- (5) provision for periodic intensive surveys of trouble spots, regular preventive maintenance surveys and special provisions for abnormal potential patterns especially those resulting from other Pipelines or cables;*
- (6) information on any precautions that may be required to prevent internal corrosion of the PIPELINE.*

#### **Scope**

This stipulation applies during the operation and maintenance phase of the pipeline.

#### **Summary**

Verify that the company has provided plans, as required by Stipulation 1.6, for corrosion resistant design and methods for early detection of corrosion.

#### **Compliance**

The lessee has instituted the following programs and procedures to comply with this stipulation; Oliktok Pipeline Surveillance Program, DOT Requirements for Maintenance and

Repair, Oliktok Pipeline Corrosion Program, Corrosion Under Insulation Program, Real Time Radiography Program, Known Damage Recur Program and the Below Grade Inspection Program. A surveillance checklist has been prepared to address whether the lessee has an approved corrosion plan. SPCO surveillance activities performed in 2001 found the lessee to be in compliance with this stipulation. There are no compliance issues related to Stipulation 3.4.